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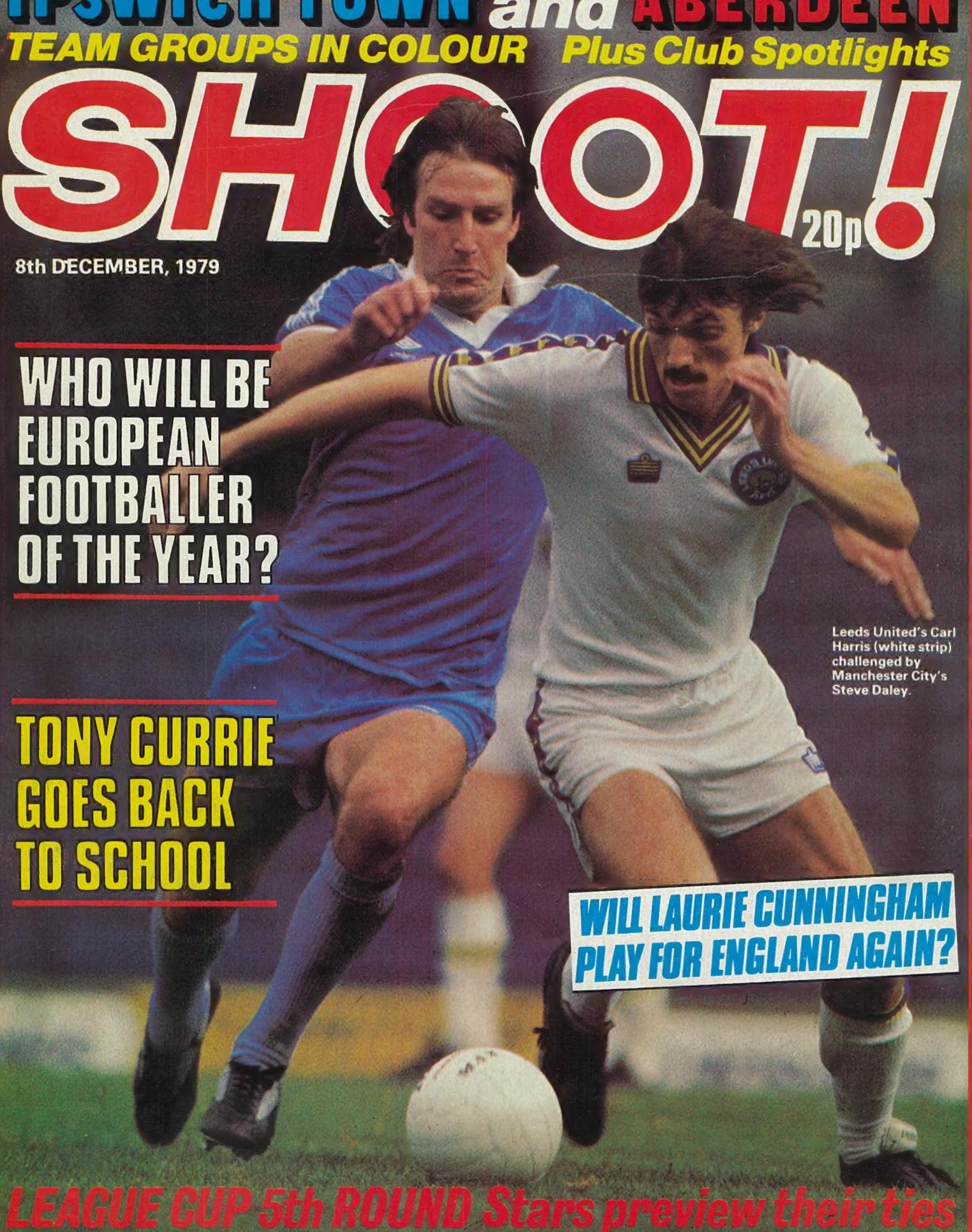
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**WHO WILL BE
EUROPEAN
FOOTBALLER
OF THE YEAR?**

**TONY CURRIE
GOES BACK
TO SCHOOL**

**WILL LAURIE CUNNINGHAM
PLAY FOR ENGLAND AGAIN?**

Leeds United's Carl Harris (white strip) challenged by Manchester City's Steve Daley.



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The 1980 European Footballer of the Year will be announced later this month. SHOOT asked its correspondents around Europe, plus other soccer journalists, for their verdict. There seems little doubt that it will be . . .

KING KEVIN - AGAIN!

FRANCE FOOTBALL, the respected French soccer magazine, asks its correspondents all over Europe to vote for five players. The first choice receives five points, and so on down to one point for fifth choice. The player with the highest total points is the winner. Only European players are included; Alfredo di Stéfano, born in Argentina, was a naturalised Spaniard when he won the award in 1957 and 1959, for example. The English correspondent of *France Football* is Max Marquis. Last year he voted for Keegan in first place and he told us that "at the moment I haven't seen a better candidate this year."

KEV'S THE BEST

IT must be Kevin Keegan. German soccer is of a high standard and for him to be the best player in the Bundesliga says a lot for his skill. I still feel Johan Cruyff is the best in Europe, but sadly he doesn't really come into the ratings now that he's in Los Angeles. Manny Kaltz has had a good year, and has laid on a few goals for Kevin. Dutch players? Ruud Krol is not at his best, but watch out for Ajax's Simon Tahamata next year.

BERT JONGEN,
"DE LIMBURGER".
HOLLAND.

WATCH OUT FOR KALTZ

THE number one candidate is Kevin Keegan. Even if his Bundesliga performances this season haven't been superb, his form for England and HSV in 1978/79 was near perfection. Kevin's main opponent could be his team-mate Manfred Kaltz (right). Wales will testify to this. Manny was world-class in West Germany's two European Championship victories over them. He's a strong defender and when he attacks his crosses are lethal. He also scores a few goals. My third candidate is Barcelona's Hans Krankl for his consistent goalscoring and overall form. I'd also like to mention Hans-Jürgen Dörner of Dynamo Dresden and East Germany, who has had an exceptional year.

DIRK KÖSTER,
WEST GERMANY.

NOBODY BETTER THAN K.K.

I'VE been looking around in Europe, but I haven't found a player better qualified than Kevin Keegan to win the award. He began the current season badly, but soon recovered to get back to his best. He had a great game in Tbilisi and followed that up with a match-winning performance against Borussia Dortmund, which took HSV back to the top of the Bundesliga. Woodcock . . . Francis Causio . . . Platini . . . Krankl . . . Hellström . . . no, I go for Kevin Keegan again. The others just can't touch him.

KARL-HEINZ JENS,
"KICKER".
WEST GERMANY.



FEW CANDIDATES

SO as not to be patriotic, I immediately put Kevin Keegan to one side and looked round the rest of Europe for candidates. Sadly, Spain can't produce many — except maybe Juan Manuel Asensi, who's led Barcelona to the Cup-Winners' Cup and Spain (unless they lose in Cyprus) to the European Championship Finals. Of the imports playing here, people like Cunningham, Bonhof and Krankl haven't had outstanding years — in fact Barcelona's Allan Simonsen is the most likely candidate, having helped his previous club, Borussia Mönchengladbach, to U.E.F.A. Cup victory. Looking farther afield, it's sad that there are so few exceptional individuals to choose from. Recognised stars such as Maier, Vogts, Rensenbrink, Neeskens and Blochin have "dis-

appeared". Krol hasn't had a sensational year — and neither have younger players like Paolo Rossi. No, if we're looking for a man who's played a decisive role in an outstanding year for both club and country, there's only one possible name: Kevin Keegan.

GRAHAM TURNER,
SPAIN.

THANKS TO KEEGAN

KEVIN Keegan will be the 1979 European Footballer of the Year. No other player has put up such a good performance. Thanks mainly to Keegan, HSV won the German title, while the English national team had many good results with Kevin's inspiration.

MAX PUSTERLA,
"TIP".
SWITZERLAND.

C'EST KEEGAN!

IN a disappointing year for the French national team, Michel Platini is still hailed as the number one here. But he missed part of the year through injury and his club, Nancy, didn't do anything special. Maybe his move to St-Etienne will give him more chance of international success. His team-mate, Johnny Rep is on top form this term, but the Dutchman had an anonymous first half of the year with lowly Bastia. Looking at the rest of Europe, I've been most impressed with Czech defender Anton Ondrus, so I'd put him in third place; Paolo Rossi comes second for his ability to keep scoring goals despite "special attention". And in first place must be the Englishman Kevin Keegan for leading his club to the West German League title, and England to a place in the European Championship Finals.

CLAUDE MULLER,
FRANCE

KEVIN AGAIN

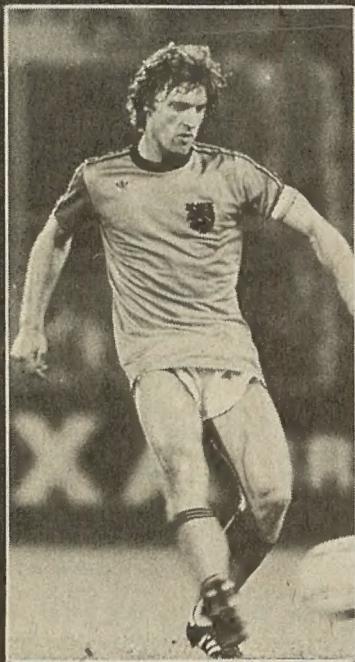
KEVIN Keegan has a very good chance of renewing his title. I also think Simon Tahamata (Ajax) and Paolo Rossi (Perugia) have played well. Next year, no doubt the European Championship Finals in Italy will produce new names.

JOOP NIEZEN,
"VOETBAL INTERNATIONAL",
HOLLAND

GIVE KROL TRUE CREDIT

RUUD Krol (below) is the only Ajax player left from their hey-days of the early 70's, but in my view he has improved over the years and is now very much the lynchpin of club and country. Cool and unfazed in defence, he has excellent positional sense and certainly knows how to tackle. Krol is adventurous when going forward and I like the way he passes the ball over long distances. He won the League and Cup with Ajax last season and is now the Dutch record international. For my money, Krol was the best player of the 1978 World Cup (Kempes included), but defenders seldom receive their true credit.

FRANK SJÖMAN,
SWEDEN



TOPS FOR CLUB AND COUNTRY

I BELIEVE that Kevin Keegan will once again be voted as Europe's best player. I haven't seen another star to rival him. Kevin is tops for HSV and England. Paolo Rossi could be crowned; he's done well for Italy, but his team, Perugia, was knocked out of the U.E.F.A. Cup by Salonika. Another candidate would be the Argentine, Mario Kempes, if he were eligible.

STEFANO GERMANO,
"GUERIN SPORTIVO",
ITALY

WORLD-CLASS TREVOR

IT is usual that a major event helps a player to win such an award and the 1979 European Cup Final was memorable for Trevor Francis's world-class performance and his match-winning header. In my view, the ever-improving Forest striker deserves the award, especially after his recent performance against Northern Ireland at Windsor Park, which showed what he can do at international level. Even though Keegan may not be playing the football that had HSV fans chanting last season, he will be Trevor's main rival.

JOSE ALBERTO FERNANDES,
PORTUGAL

REP FOR ME

I'D like to see Johnny Rep get the award. He is having an exceptional season with St-Etienne in France and I'm amazed at how quickly Rep settles with new clubs. He's moved around a fair bit: Ajax, Valencia, Bastia and now St-Etienne, but he has done well with all his clubs. There aren't that many leading candidates ... it's been a mediocre year, really. Obviously Kevin Keegan is in with a big chance. Like Rep, he has the advantage of being projected in two countries.

MICHAEL HENDRIX,
HOLLAND

FAIR AWARD?

I'M not a great enthusiast of such awards or 'best teams'. Maybe it's good for the fans, how can you compare goalkeepers and sweepers or midfielders? I haven't seen many 'extraordinary' players this year, but Kevin Keegan's fighting spirit, his fantastic will-to-win and all-round ability make him the obvious choice.

PAVEL RYPAR,
"GOL",
CZECHOSLOVAKIA

RAMPANT RUMMENIGGE

I'D give the award to Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (below) of Bayern Munich and West Germany. He's only 23, but has stunned West German fans with his fine displays on both wings. He's fast, has good skill and a tremendous shot. Karl-Heinz is the complete player, as he creates as many goals as he scores. Against Wales in Cologne, he scored a super goal ... perfect ball-control, a chip over the head of a Welsh defender, then ice-cool finishing. Marvellous. Rummenigge would be the perfect successor to Kevin Keegan, who I'd place in second spot.

DANNY GEERTS,
BELGIUM



'THE BEST'

KEVIN Keegan deserves to retain his crown. I've thought long and hard, but couldn't come up with anyone else. His achievements speak for themselves. To be the best player in a country of so many good players says volumes for K.K.

STEVE STAVRIDIS,
GREECE

MIGHTY MANFRED

IN my opinion, one of the best players in Europe plays with Keegan in the HSV side. He is defender Manfred Kaltz who has been outstanding for club and country this year. My other main candidate is Kevin of course.

PEDRO GER,
"MUNDO DESPORTIVO",
SPAIN

SHOOT'S VERDICT

IT is a sad comment on the state of the European game that there are so few candidates for the 1980 European Footballer of the Year award. Even allowing for the fact that there has been no World Cup Finals or European Championship, it is still a sign of the times that apart from Keegan and two or three others, there are no European players worthy of the coveted title.

In Britain, Trevor Francis and Kenny Dalglish have valid claims. Another candidate could have been Ray Clemence, but he had few opportunities to stake a claim last season, so well did the Liverpool defence perform.

Francis won the European Cup Final for Nottingham Forest with his perfectly executed header against Malmö. He was also the best player on the Munich pitch by a mile. He hasn't had much international projection with the England team, so it's unlikely he will gain too many votes from around the continent. It is a satisfying thought that his best is still to come.

Dalglish is consistently brilliant for Liverpool, yet The Reds have twice been knocked out of the European Cup at the first attempt and this will harm his chances. At last he seems to have found his best form for Scotland, but it hasn't been a good year for them.

Liam Brady suffers from a lack of international projection. His form for Arsenal won't have been noticed by, say, *France Football's* correspondent in Bulgaria. The Gunners had a relatively early knockout from last season's U.E.F.A. Cup, even though they went on to win the F.A. Cup. The Republic of Ireland haven't pulled up too many international trees, either.

It will be a little short of a sensation if Keegan doesn't win the European crown for a second successive year. We'll know for certain in a couple of weeks or so, but the final placings may look something like this: 1 — Kevin Keegan. 2 — Ruud Krol. 3 — Hans Krankl. 4 — Manny Kaltz. 5 — Trevor Francis.

PAST WINNERS

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| 1956 | Sir Stanley Matthews
(Blackpool) |
| 1957 | Alfredo di Stéfano (Real Madrid) |
| 1958 | Raymond Kopa (Real Madrid) |
| 1959 | Alfredo di Stéfano (Real) |
| 1960 | Luis Suárez (Barcelona) |
| 1961 | Omar Sívori (Juventus) |
| 1962 | Josef Masopust (Dukla Prague) |
| 1963 | Lev Yashin (Dynamo Moscow) |
| 1964 | Denis Law (Manchester Utd.) |
| 1965 | Eusebio (Benfica) |
| 1966 | Bobby Charlton (Man. Utd.) |
| 1967 | Florian Albert (Ferencvaros) |
| 1968 | George Best (Man. Utd.) |
| 1969 | Gianni Rivera (AC Milan) |
| 1970 | Gerd Müller (Bayern Munich) |
| 1971 | Johan Cruyff (Ajax) |
| 1972 | Franz Beckenbauer (Bayern) |
| 1973 | Johan Cruyff (Barcelona) |
| 1974 | Johan Cruyff (Barcelona) |
| 1975 | Oleg Blochin (Dynamo Kiev) |
| 1976 | Franz Beckenbauer (Bayern) |
| 1977 | Allan Simonsen (Borussia Monchengladbach) |
| 1978 | Kevin Keegan (HSV) |

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Watson's clubs

As Secretary of the Swedish branch of Manchester City Supporters' Club, I'd like to know how many clubs our former star Dave Watson has played for?

PATRICK MORK,
SWEDEN.

• Dave's been quite a 'traveller'

Patrick.
He played for Notts County, Rotherham, and Sunderland before arriving at City in June, 1975.

Then, of course, the England stalwart left this past summer for a short spell in West Germany with Werder Bremen before returning home to join Southampton.



Record crowds

What is the record attendance for any soccer match in England, and in Scotland?

MICHAEL HOWELL,
AUSTRALIA.

• As to England, Michael, it's officially 126,047. That was for the first-ever Wembley F.A. Cup Final in which Bolton beat West Ham 2-0 in April, 1923.

That, however, was when the counting mechanism packed-up — and it's been estimated that maybe some 200,000 were inside the ground (somewhat uncomfortably!) when the gates were broken down in the rush.

Since then, the game has always been all-ticket — and never there, nor anywhere else in England, has there been a crowd of more than 100,000.

As far as Scotland is concerned, the record gate is 149,547 — for Scotland's 3-1 victory over England at Hampden Park, Glasgow, in April, 1937.

1970 Brazilians

As a great admirer of Brazilian football, I'd like to know their team which won the 1970 World Cup Final.

BERNARD POMPEE,
SEYCHELLES.

• This was how they lined-up that day in Mexico City, Bernard.

Felix, Carlos Alberto, Brito, Piazza, Everaldo, Clodoaldo, Gerson, Jairzinho, Tostao, Pele, Rivelino.

Goals from Pele, Gerson, Jairzinho, and Carlos Alberto wrapped it up 4-1 for Brazil, Boninsegna getting the consolation score for Italy.

Jordan & McQueen

How many League games did that great Manchester United pair, Joe Jordan

and Gordon McQueen, play for Leeds before they moved to Old Trafford?

MATTI VESQUA,
FINLAND.

• Jordan played 170 games (35 goals), Matti, and McQueen 140 games (15 goals).

Earlier, back in their native Scotland, Jordan played ten games (one goal) for Morton; and McQueen 57 games (five goals) for St Mirren.

Fryatt's quickie

What is the quickest goal, from the time of kick-off, ever scored in top-class British football?

TERJE JONASSEN,
NORWAY.

• Well, Terje, the record is credited to Jim Fryatt — who is said to have scored for Bradford City against Tranmere, on 25th April, 1964, just four seconds after the kick-off.

O.K., so if you look at your watch ticking round, that certainly does seem a bit far-fetched.

All the same, this was the time officially confirmed by the game's referee, Mr R. J. Simon.

Three men are also judged to have scored after only six seconds of a Football League match.

One of them — Barrie Jones, for Notts County v. Torquay, on 31st March, 1962 — had particular reason to celebrate. It was his League debut!

Bolton birthday

I was born on Saturday, 2nd September 1967 — and would like to know how my local team, Bolton, got on that day?

CARL JARROW,
BOLTON.

• Not badly, Carl — they beat Huddersfield 3-1 in a home Second Division game.

At the end of that season, Bolton finished in 12th place.

SHORT PASSES

• Manchester United's young goalkeeper Gary Bailey was born in Ipswich.

(BERYL AUPAIAS, South Africa)

• Liverpool's record defeat is by 1-9 (v. Birmingham, Div. Two, 11th December, 1954).

(ALEX OZERSKIS, Australia)

• West Ham's most-capped player is Bobby Moore with 108 full caps (also an England record).

(DAVID FEENEY, Eire)

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'Kenny Dalglish is back among the goals'

LIVERPOOL are back to their superb form of two years ago!" Not the proud boast of anyone at Anfield, but praise from an ex-Liverpool captain, Emlyn Hughes, after his new team, Wolves, had lost 3-0 to us in the League.

Emlyn, famous for his big heart and will to win, hid his disappointment at Wolves' deserved defeat to demonstrate his respect and affection for the club he had led to so many of the game's great honours.

It was a game in which Liverpool regained much of the flowing rhythm and determination we'd shown in the previous three seasons.

We showed the deadliness that has been missing from our game. Even so, we could have scored more than the three we did.

And Andy Gray missed a "free" header only a few yards out, when we led by only one goal, which could have altered the outcome.

We then went on to score our second goal. I was disappointed when TV commentator Barry Davies merely described it as a "good" goal — it was among the best I've ever seen!

It began with a short kick from me to Phil Thompson. He pushed the ball to Phil Neal, who sent it on to Dave Johnson, who pushed it wide to Terry McDermott. Terry then squared the ball to Kenny Dalglish who finished off the move with a simple side-foot into the net.

A truly classic goal fans will talk about for years.

At Liverpool the accent is on team work, not on particular individuals, but I would like to single out two of our players for a special mention.

First, Kenny Dalglish. It's great to see him back among the goals. He's been through a lean time, and I know he's never satisfied unless he's scoring regularly.

The other player making a big contribution to our return to form is Dave Johnson.

To think that at one time he seriously considered moving to Leicestershire City in the Second Division. What a loss he would have been to the Anfield cause.

But he persevered and has at last won a permanent place in the team — as permanent as can be expected at Liverpool where everyone is only as good as his last game.

Liverpool-born, he played for Everton, then Ipswich, before moving to join the club he supported as a lad.

Superior

At the moment, his ratio of games to goals is superior to Kenny's, but he'd be the first to admit that one reason for his success rate is because his opponents tend to concentrate on our Scottish striker.

England manager Ron Greenwood must be monitoring Dave's performance with a possible eye to giving him a recall. For Dave has played three games for his country at full level, scoring an average of a goal a game.

I've a feeling we may look back at our win over Wolves as a turning point this season, the time when things started to go right.

It'll be memorable for Emlyn as the day he returned to the scene of some of his greatest moments with our club, but he'll prefer to recall the tremendous reception he received from the Kop and not the defeat.

We at Liverpool set ourselves a hard task by hoping to concede fewer goals than the record 16 we gave away in the League last term. Our defence has tightened up after presenting opponents with some silly goals, but the odds are firmly



Ray Clemence
TALKING SOCCER



'Dave Johnson could get an England recall'

'AT LAST THINGS ARE GOING RIGHT'

against us even equaling our previous achievement.

Everyone has been at fault, including me. I should have saved a side-footed shot from Charlie George at Southampton, when we were 2-1 down. For we later pegged back a goal which could have given us a draw but for my mistake.

Signs are, though, that every department has sharpened-up and we'll be dropping fewer goals and scoring more.

This Saturday, (December 1) we entertain Middlesbrough, the only representatives from the North-East to hold a First Division place. It's a strange paradox that Boro, the least fashionable and poorly supported, should be in the top flight, while their illustrious neighbours, Sunderland and Newcastle, are down in the Second.

All credit to Boro, a very workmanlike side without star names. Strangely enough, it seems that any player who consistently stands out, such as Graeme Souness, now established at Liverpool, is allowed to leave Ayresome Park.

In the days of Jackie Charlton, Boro were a very negative side, especially away from home,

whereas they have become more adventurous under John Neal.

One player whose career I've followed is 'keeper Jim Platt, who has had his ups and downs with the club. For a long time he was held out of the side, but fought his way back and is probably a better player as a result.

Sometimes it's a good thing to be forced to prove you're good enough to hold down a place.

Many people are unaware that Jim first had a week's trial with Liverpool after playing for Irish club Ballymoney, but for some reason did not join us.

It's also interesting to note that he's keeping out of the Boro side a Scottish international 'keeper, Jim Stewart.

Another of their players I particularly admire is David Armstrong, whose remarkable consistency has allowed him to play over 300 consecutive games.

Few outfield players, even if they keep their form, can achieve such a run because of injuries caused through physical contact and strains from twisting and turning at speed on all sorts of surfaces.

Dave is one of the rare, invaluable

breed of left-sided midfield operators, like our Ray Kennedy, essential to give a team the right balance.

One player definitely looking forward to our game is Billy Ashcroft, a local lad who formerly played as a centre-forward and successfully switched to the back-four. I believe he was once a keen Liverpool supporter.

Our games with Boro so far have not exactly been crowd-thrillers with lots of end-to-end action, but this one should prove more exciting now that manager John Neal is encouraging them to attack more.

Our League Cup Quarter-Final with Norwich City at Carrow Road a few days later, however, is practically guaranteed to be a 90-minute soccer spectacular.

The Norfolk side, buoyed up by their convincing 3-0 home win over West Bromwich Albion in the previous round, are dead set on making their third appearance at Wembley in the Final in March.

To be honest, the League Cup was bottom of our priorities at the start of the season, but after unbelievable draws against Tranmere, Chesterfield and Exeter, we're also glimpsing the twin towers in the distance.

The League Cup is a more attractive trophy to win now, especially as it qualifies for entry in the U.E.F.A. Cup.

It's not for this reason we now covet it, because we prefer to earn our right to play in Europe through

doing well in the League.

It's partially to make up to our supporters for the disappointment of not reaching the European Cup Final — but mainly to take it away from Nottingham Forest, who won it two seasons ago by beating us in a replay, and who created a record by becoming the first club to retain the trophy.

Brian Clough maintained we were beaten by their reserves. It'd be great to beat their "first" team!

But before that we must take care of Norwich City, who are having a good season so far, and whose manager, John Bond, is issuing the sort of statements that really put us on our mettle.

After their Fourth Round win, he said: "I don't think Liverpool will be any more difficult to beat than West Brom."

We've proved you wrong before, Mr Bond — and we're planning to do it again!

Ray Clemence

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GEORGE Wood dropped by Everton on the day he is named in Jock Stein's Scotland squad for the European Championship match with Belgium in Brussels on November 21st.

Alan Rough chosen for the same squad after a classic goalkeeping blunder in his 28th international, against Austria.

Aberdeen's Bobby Clark first left out of the national squad by Jock Stein and later re-instated after being freely tipped to take over from Rough.

No wonder Scotland's fans are punch drunk with anxiety and praying Stein will find a goalkeeper to solve a problem that has taken on music hall joke proportions.

Not since Bill Brown wore the yellow jersey with distinction from 1958-66, first as a Dundee player and, later, representing Tottenham Hotspur, have Scotland uncovered a goalkeeper to provide the

his international squads allowing the experienced and articulate Clark to work with the other goalkeepers, and Clark was in Scotland's Belgium squad. At 34, it could be the end for Clark at international level. But Clark, ten years younger, would be pushing Rough, Wood and the rest to the brink. Age is also against David Harvey, though many Leeds United fans believe he would not let Scotland down.

Rangers' fans reckon the Ibrox goalkeeper Peter McCloy is a firm candidate for a regular place, especially after his displays in Dusseldorf and Valencia for Rangers.

In Dusseldorf McCloy defied Fortuna as Rangers battled to a 0-0 draw which was enough to take them through to the European Cup-Winners' Cup Second Round. Then, in the first-leg of their next match he saved a penalty from Rainer Bonhof.

McCloy revealed afterwards that

As well as these, of course, Rangers' Stewart Kennedy let in five goals at Wembley; Jim Heriot lost four and recently Jim Stewart of Middlesbrough, brought in by Stein, sold a dreadful goal against Norway at Hampden.

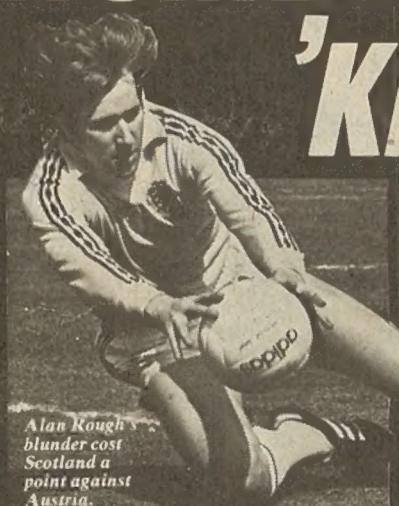
The goalkeeping story since Bill Brown's retirement is littered with mistakes — often costly ones.

Only in one brief spell did Scotland seem to find the experience and the reliability they have searched for. That was when veteran Celtic goalkeeper Ronnie Simpson made five appearances at the end of his career.

It may well be that Stein will remember the Simpson example and find a stop-gap solution until he is able to unearth someone he feels can stay as goalkeeper right through the coming World Cup campaign. If he does think along these lines then we may even see Bobby Clark given an extended



SCOTLAND STILL SEARCHING FOR NUMBER ONE 'KEEPER



Alan Rough's blunder cost Scotland a point against Austria.

national side with a reliable last line of defence.

Partick Thistle's Alan Rough equalled Brown's record of 28 caps when he played against Austria at Hampden Park, but even his most ardent fans would pause before mentioning him in the same breath as his illustrious predecessor and record-holder.

In naming his squad for the Belgium match, Stein knew he was far from solving the most thorny issue to confront any Scotland manager over the years.

If Rough could become a model of reliability instead of an enigma, he would clearly be Scotland's answer. His agility, penchant for the brilliant save, and experience are invaluable assets — yet so often he flatters to deceive.

Who but Rough would have made the mistake which cost Scotland victory against Austria? He made the most elementary mistake and Hans Krankl punished him severely to inflict another blemish on the 28-year-old's international career.

So who will provide Scotland with a long term solution to their problem? The field is wide-open for there is no obvious successor at the moment.

George Wood was in the squad for the Austrian game with Rough, but he was discarded against Belgium after earlier being included in the squad. He has been under pressure at Everton following a bad mistake against Feyenoord — and was dropped by Gordon Lee for the League game against Leeds United on November 13th.

Few Scottish supporters have forgotten his Wembley blunder in May which took the pressure off England and allowed them to get back into a match going against them early on.

The Coventry goalkeeper Jim Blyth would almost certainly challenge strongly for selection but for the back injuries which have plagued his career.

Stein has used Aberdeen's Bobby Clark as a back-up man in

he had studied Bonhof's penalties on television and was able to anticipate the shot. A 'thinking' goalkeeper clearly, but is he worth an extended run?

Both Clark and McCloy have been tried before — and both have sad memories to live down.

The last of Bobby Clark's games came in 1973 on a wet and wild Hampden night when the Scottish Football Association celebrated its centenary with an international against England. Clark playing his 17th game picked the ball out of his net five times!

McCloy's was not as disastrous — but against Switzerland in Berne he conceded a goal shot from all of 40 yards.

run. Nothing would surprise Scotland's long suffering fans. But, Stein is not about to plunge anyone new into the European Championship.

He explains: "One of the problems we have had in the past is that players weren't tried out often enough. For the goalkeeping position you have to know what a player can do against foreign opposition — especially on away grounds.

"It's a whole new atmosphere and we tended for a time to have a recognised 'keeper and stick by him without using some games to blood others.

"Which left you short of cover. That's why I tried Jim Stewart out against the Norwegians, to see what the lad could do. Then I gave George Wood a try because it's only by seeing them in action that you find out exactly what they are capable of.

"I haven't tried out Jim Blyth for one reason and one only — the lad has had problems with injuries and I'd like to see him over them before giving him another chance.

"It's easy to say we have a problem about goalkeepers — it's not so easy solving it. But, there are some young goalkeepers coming up, there is some hope

somewhere.

"I watched St Mirren against Kilmarnock just a few weeks ago and there were two youngsters in goal — Billy Thomson of St Mirren and Alan McCulloch of Kilmarnock — and you wouldn't have seen better goalkeeping anywhere!"

So there is hope. There is the chance that by the next World Cup campaign — and it's not too far off — Scotland could have a recognised 'keeper.

Superbly

Ironically, the enigma that is Alan Rough remains highly praised in Scotland. Just before the Austrian match he played superbly against Celtic whose boss Billy McNeill commented: "Alan Rough is criticised unfairly down South. People see a few clips on television and make judgments — against us he was superb."

A few days after the Austrian game Rough was at Aberdeen and their manager Alex Ferguson could only say: "Rough was absolutely magnificent."

But in between there was the fatal fumble at Hampden and the goal from Hans Krankl which throws the issue of who should wear the yellow jersey wide open.

Stein has steadfastly refused to allow himself to be pushed into a panic situation. "I will not turn the issue into a life-and-death affair," he said.

Yet he is fully aware of the increasing urgency with which this most pressing of problems must be solved.

Rough, Clark, Wood, Harvey, Stewart and McCloy — all have their supporters. But unfortunately for Scotland, they also have an increasing number of detractors.

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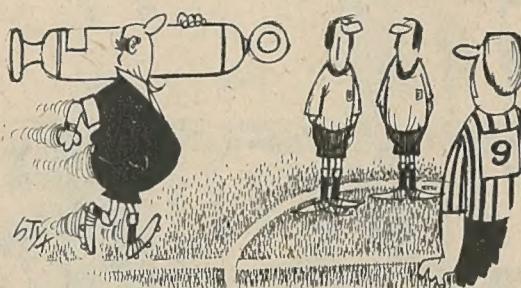
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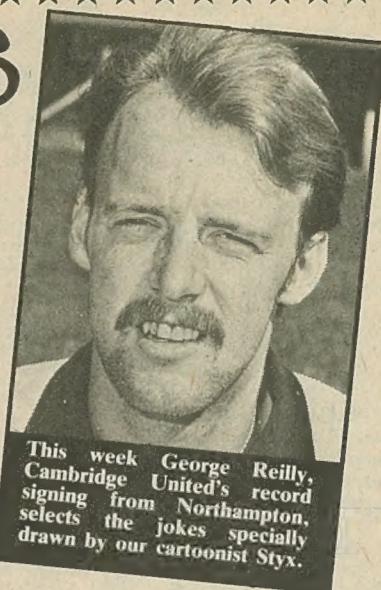
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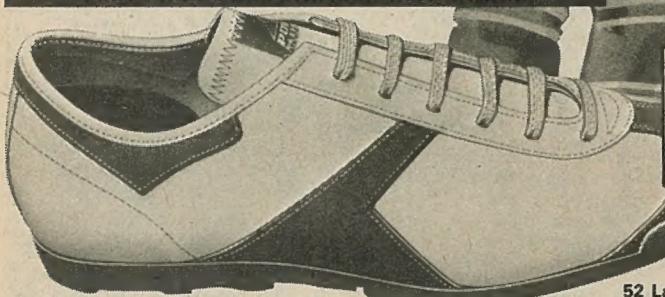
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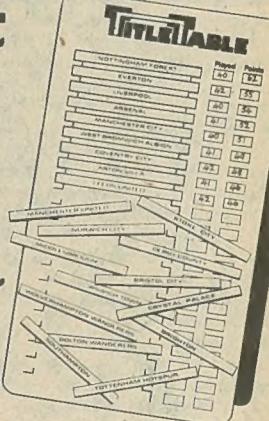
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DAVID O'Leary dislikes talking about himself. And his modesty renders him suspicious of those who applaud his remarkable performances for the Republic of Ireland and Arsenal.

But he needs no excuse to talk about another footballing O'Leary — his brother, Pierce, who made his debut alongside David in the Republic of Ireland's European Championship game against Bulgaria in October.

For David reckons that Pierce, who celebrates his 20th birthday this month, could make the same impact in the Football League that he has at Highbury since his arrival as a 15-year-old.

Scouts are showing more than casual interest in Pierce O'Leary's defensive qualities for Shamrock Rovers, and Johnny Giles's decision to award him his first Republic of Ireland cap against Bulgaria confirmed their belief that he bears many of the strengths that are a hallmark of his more illustrious brother's game.

It is not widely known that Pierce was invited to sign for Coventry at the age of 17. Gordon Milne gave him trials but when the big moment came to commit himself to the club he decided to return home to Glasnevin, Dublin, homesick and confused.

"That was a long time ago," says David O'Leary. "Now Pierce would like to have another go over here. I don't think people realise how difficult it is for Irish lads to cross the waters to play in England."

"I remember it hurting when I'd go home for a weekend from Arsenal and have to return a day or



two later. I'd miss my home tremendously when I got back to London."

Pierce was given the incentive to try to launch a soccer career in England after playing North American Soccer for Philadelphia Fury. He won the approval of Richard Dinnis, then manager of the club, and Alan Ball confided to David that Pierce had a good future after playing alongside the younger brother in the U.S.

Gordon Clark, formerly chief scout at Arsenal and now at Watford, has also scrutinised the Irishman. He was the man responsible for introducing Liam Brady, Frank Stapleton, Graham Rix and David O'Leary to Highbury.

"Gordon told me Pierce was coming along well," says David. "Some recommendation that. There's not a more astute man in the game."

But David himself knows best his brother's chances of making the grade.

"He's 18 months younger than me. We played schools football together at Shelbourne School. He started playing for Shamrock Rovers about two years ago and has progressed considerably since then.

"It was a great pleasure to play

alongside him for the Republic. I wore the number five shirt, he the number six. We're similar in style. We both like to play football from the back. Perhaps that's because we admired Beckenbauer.

"He is lighter haired and slimmer. He is not brilliant in the air but his distribution is almost inch perfect. I'm right footed, he's left.

"He has told me he would prefer to go to Arsenal than anyone else. I think he got the bug after watching us over here in last season's F.A. Cup Final.

"But I'm sure that he would jump at the chance to go back to Coventry if the opportunity arose.

"He realises he could become an even better player with League experience. It came home to him after playing in the Irish Cup Final for Shamrock and then watching us at Wembley.

'Problem'

"He's a quiet lad, like me, I suppose. He is no problem."

Pierce O'Leary has one other passion — cars. He drives an Alpha Romeo Sprint around leafy country lanes close to his home near Dublin Airport.

The third child of the O'Leary parents, Mr Christopher O'Leary, and his wife, Margaret, has no chance of signing for Arsenal. Daughter Emily likes football but has no ambitions to kick leather. Aged 18, she is a receptionist in a photographic business.

Still, two pro footballers is enough for one family. Most parents would settle for one.

OH BROTHER!

DAVID O'LEARY hopes PIERCE is sent to Coventry



David O'Leary (above left) playing for the Republic of Ireland, and with brother Pierce (left).

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WHEN Keith Osgood, Derby County's £150,000 signing from Coventry City, arrived at the Baseball Ground it was to solve an immediate defensive problem.

Steve Wicks had been sold and Roy McFarland and David Webb were sidelined through injury. But if Osgood was bought in October with crisis time looming, there can be no doubts that the tall central defender was delighted with the move.

"I was on the transfer list at Coventry because I couldn't gain a regular first team spot," he says. "Derby's invitation gave me a chance to get back into the First Division, so I took it."

"It's given me a new lease of life. My confidence returned immediately. I can express myself with greater freedom."

Osgood admits that since signing for Coventry in January, 1977 for £125,000 from Tottenham, his career nosedived.

"It was a disappointing time, to say the least. I would put it down to experience. I only played about 25 first team games.

"Even so, it was a sad day when I left Highfield Road because I made so many friends there. It's a good club, but football wise I was getting nowhere, so in that respect there can be no regrets.

"The main difference between the two clubs is that at the moment Coventry are better organised. The facilities are better and the ground is bigger. But the support at Derby makes up for

that. They're very good and it's a family affair. The fans are always behind the team."

Osgood felt the backing of the fabulous Ram support in his opening game against Bolton Wanderers.

"Everything went really well," he says. "We won 4-0 and the crowd gave me confidence. It was just the lift I needed. They were applauding me, something which hasn't happened since my Tottenham days. It raised my spirits enormously. I had a shaky opening ten minutes, but after that I settled down and thoroughly enjoyed the game."

"But the one that gave me most satisfaction was the next match against Wolves at



of player and I know you will do well. You're my first signing and you won't be my last." He also assured me I wouldn't be made a scapegoat if things went wrong.

"At Coventry I was only a stand-in for Jim Holton and I didn't want a repeat of that situation. I said that I didn't mind fighting for my place if I was out for any length of time because of injury and the team was playing well."

"What I am definitely against is being the one axed if the side started to struggle in the First Division. That's what happened at Highfield Road."

"Colin Addison understood and he said that if I was playing well enough, or even if I had a lean spell and the team was getting results, then I'd still be playing."

"At Coventry, even if the team was winning Gordon Milne would change it, and it always seemed that I was the first one to go."

Prove

Osgood doesn't think he has anything to prove.

"I was at Tottenham for seven years," he says, "and I had four regular first team seasons before moving to Coventry. People have seen me play before. I'm at the stage where I just want to enjoy my football."

"My aim is to help Derby climb the table. It's going to be a struggle because we've suffered from injuries to key players at crucial times of the campaign. When they return to fitness, it will keep the other players on their toes and bring out the best in them."

"If we stay up this season, and we're good enough, then Europe must be our aim in 1980-81. The manager thinks the same way — building for a brighter future. If we put our minds to it, then we can do it. Yes, I'm sure this move will turn out third time lucky for me."

Third time lucky for OSGOOD

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Clarke is a player's player. He is not spectacular or flamboyant. He just gets on with his job as sweeper and is a formidable barrier for any forward line. Only 5ft 6in but surprisingly good in the air, Clarke signed for East Fife from Tyneside Boys' Club in 1968 and his small signing-on fee was certainly money well invested by The Fifers.

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BRIAN STUBBS

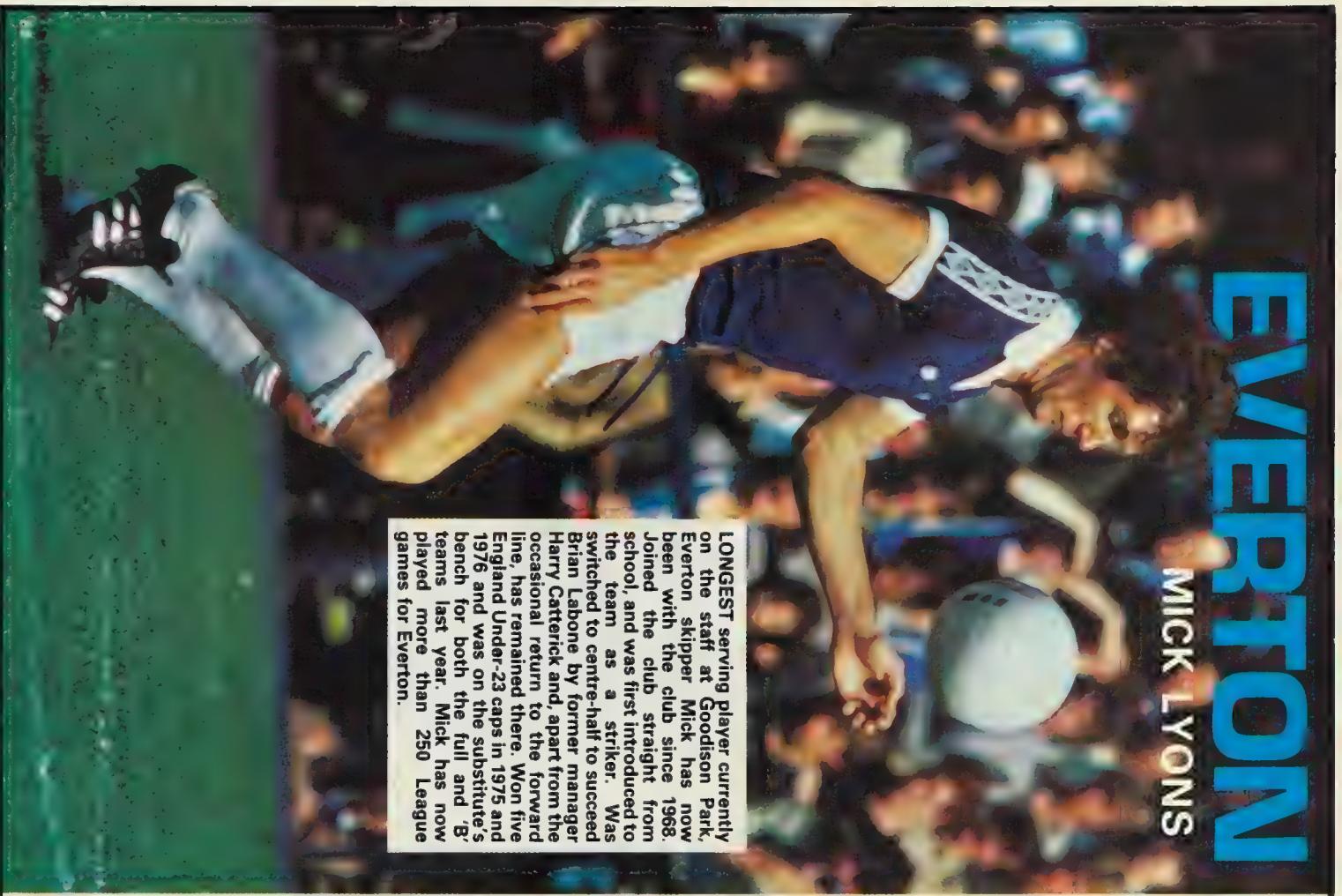
LONGEST serving player at Meadow Lane, defender Brian Stubbs joined Notts County in July, 1968. Locally born, Brian was spotted while still at school, and his daunting presence at the heart of the County defence has helped Jimmy Sirrel's side in their push for promotion to Division One for the first time since 1926. Recently played his 400th League game for the club, in which time he has scored 20 goals. Six feet two inches tall, the County skipper is particularly dangerous when he joins in the attack for dead-ball situations.



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EVERTON

MICK LYONS



LONGEST serving player currently on the staff at Goodison Park, Everton skipper Mick has now been with the club since 1968. Joined the club straight from school, and was first introduced to the team as a striker. Was switched to centre-half to succeed Brian Labone by former manager Harry Catterick and, apart from the occasional return to the forward line, has remained there. Won five England Under-23 caps in 1975 and 1976 and was on the substitute's bench for both the full and 'B' teams last year. Mick has now played more than 250 League games for Everton.



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ONE of the unsung heroes of Forest's incredible success in recent years, John is now playing for his fourth club under manager Brian Clough. Started at Hartlepool, and followed Clough to Derby, where he won League Championship medals in 1972 and 1975. From there he moved on to Leeds, with John O'Hare, but never settled in at Elland Road following Clough's ill-fated 44-day reign there. Played just four times for them before switching to Forest, and has since added another League Champions' medal as well as two League Cup winners' souvenirs, and, of course, led the side to victory in last season's European Cup Final against Malmo.



JOHN HORNE

JOHN HORNE started his football career at the age of 16, when he joined the youth team of Plymouth Argyle. He quickly became a regular in the first team, and was voted the club's 'Player of the Year' by the St James' Park fans last season. Born in Cornwall, John joined nearby Plymouth Argyle from school, and proved to be a fine servant to The Pilgrims. Made 327 League appearances for Argyle, primarily in the centre of defence, before making the move to Exeter in June 1975.



NORWICH CITY

ALTHOUGH Martin recently passed his 36th birthday, he remains one of the finest midfield players in the game. With Alan Ball he is the only member of the 1966 World Cup side still in League action, and has proved John Bond's shrewdest deal for Norwich when he was signed from Spurs in January, 1975, for just £40,000. Started with West Ham nearly 20 years ago,

and was accompanied by team-mates Bobby Moore and Geoff Hurst in that famous game against West Germany 13 years ago. In his 67 games for England, Martin scored 21 goals, and there are many who believe he could still play a vital role in Ron Greenwood's international plans. At the start of the season Martin had played a total of 658 League games.

EAST STIRLING

GORDON SIMPSON is not a name that dominates headlines, but East Stirling's loyal band of fans are swift to tell you that he is one of the most consistent players in the club's modest history. Simpson signed for the Firs Park club 11 years ago from Fife Junior side Tulliallan — the same team that produced former Celt George Connolly. Connolly went on to make the grade at the highest level. However, his career took a nosedive.

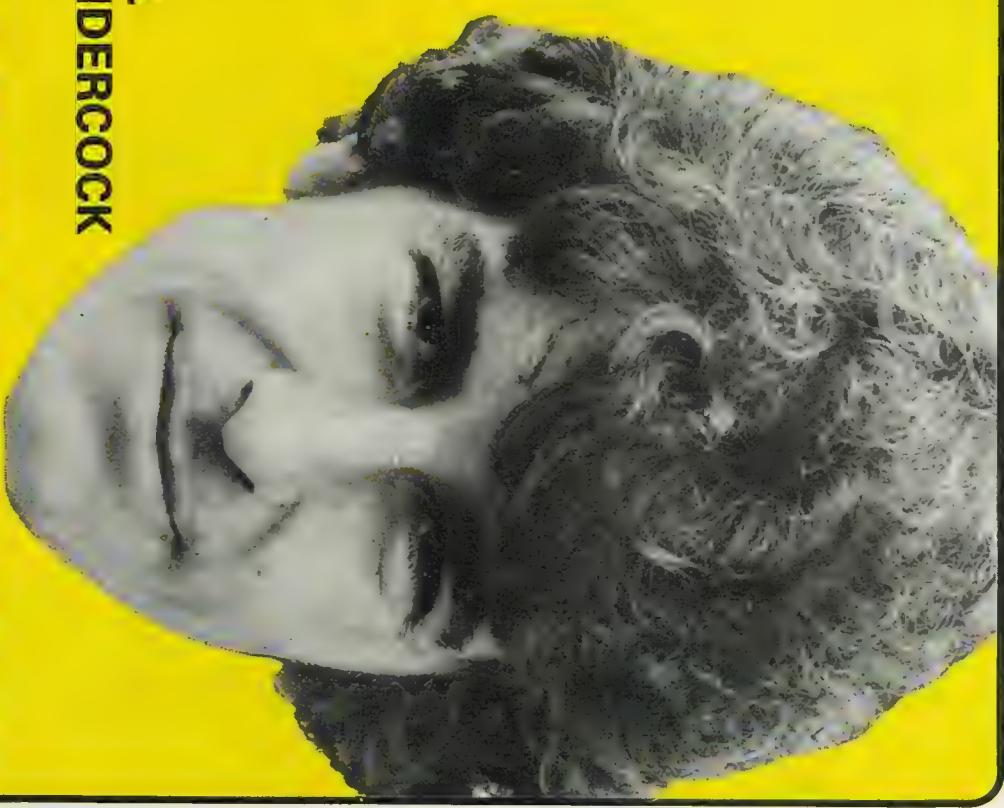
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GORDON
SIMPSON

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WHEN striker George Reilly was sold to Cambridge United recently, Northampton manager Clive Walker was faced with the problem of unearthing a new team captain. After a pre-season clear-out at the County Ground, Walker was left with few experienced men at the back, the traditional position of captains. It was only natural, therefore, that recent signing Phil Sandercock should be entrusted with the job although he has been with the club only a matter of months since

his move from Huddersfield. Phil started with Torquay United, and played 213 League games for them before transferring to Huddersfield in June, 1977. Soon became a regular in the side at left-back, making a further 81 League appearances in his two seasons at Leeds Road. Northampton's results have been far from pleasing for their fans this season, but with Phil Sandercock in charge on the field, there can be no doubt that all will be giving 100 per cent commitment.

Thad been quite a day for Tony Currie. After putting in a hard morning's training with Tommy Docherty and his new mates at Q.P.R., he went back to the London streets he knew as a boy for a sentimental journey.

"It was always my dream to become a professional footballer," Tony said. "That was my ambition right from the start. I used to watch Hendon, the local amateur side. They had some good players and I wanted to be just like them."

As Tony looked out across the empty pitch and the deserted Hendon stadium, memories of his former heroes came flooding back.

"I started coming here when I was eight years old," he smiled. "That pitch was like the Wembley turf to me and my mates. We were all football crazy. I'd dash from school with my brother Paul, have some tea, then we'd be off down the park, playing 20-a-side football, until it got dark."

Tony's natural skill shone through in those early days, but he wasn't always as slim as he is now!

"When I went to Whitefield Secondary Modern school, in Cricklewood, I put on quite a lot of weight. My mates used to call me 'Chub'. When I started growing, I

slimmed down again, but the nickname stuck."

But even in his chubby days, Tony was a star of the school teams.

"We had a good side and one of the teachers, Les Hill, gave me a lot of good advice. My happiest memories are of winning two schools' Cup Finals at Hendon. I get a great feeling when I walk out at Wembley now, but playing at the local stadium in those games was just as big a thrill."

Tony's a hero at his old school now. He called in at Whitefield as part of his trip down memory lane and was soon swamped by young fans. Not so many years ago, Tony was just another kid in the playground, practising his skills with a battered old tennis ball. He's come a long way since then.

"It was nice going back," said Tony later, as he sat sipping a refreshing cup of tea, at his mum's flat. "I enjoyed seeing it all again."

After an afternoon filled with memories, Tony's thoughts turned to the future and his new club, Q.P.R.

"If we don't win promotion this season," he said, with his usual honesty, "I'll think I've failed. That's the job the club bought me to do. The other new players feel the same way. Once we're used to playing together as a side, I'm sure we can be one of the best three in



Tony Currie, back in London with Q.P.R.

the Second Division.

"Tommy Docherty is a manager who loves the players who want to play for him. He'll always back you to the hilt and fill you with encouragement. He can put confidence into players that was never there before."

Tony's willingness to make the fight for promotion a personal test is typical.

"I've never run away from responsibility. I thrive on it. I love playing and when I go out there, I give it all I've got."

In the heat of a match, Tony admits he isn't the quietest player

on the park!

"I'm quite a moaner on the pitch. I'm a bit of a perfectionist. If there's an easy ball to play and it goes wrong, I get annoyed. But I leave it all behind after the game. I'm a different person off the pitch."

Tony's new team-mates are getting used to the Currie vocal chords, but they know the "moans" are coming from a player who is super-keen to see the side do well.

One stylish player Tony is quick to praise is Rangers star, Stan Bowles. Stan's future has been clouded with uncertainty, but Tony hopes he'll be staying with the West London club.

"I know Stan used to love playing with Gerry Francis, but I think we could get that same sort of understanding going. Some players are on the same wave-length. There's a kind of telepathy between them. I think it could work that way for Stan and me."

At 29, Tony Currie is still full of ambition. He wants promotion for Queens Park Rangers. He wants to win more England caps. He wants to settle down and enjoy London life again, with his wife June and their three children, Ryan, Sharon and Natalie.

But it was nice to look back for an afternoon, reliving those happy schoolboy memories. The London kid has grown up... and seen his dream come true.

CURRIE'S SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

Tony looks across the deserted Hendon ground where he spent much of his childhood (left). A return to his former school soon brought the fans flocking (below).



No. 12

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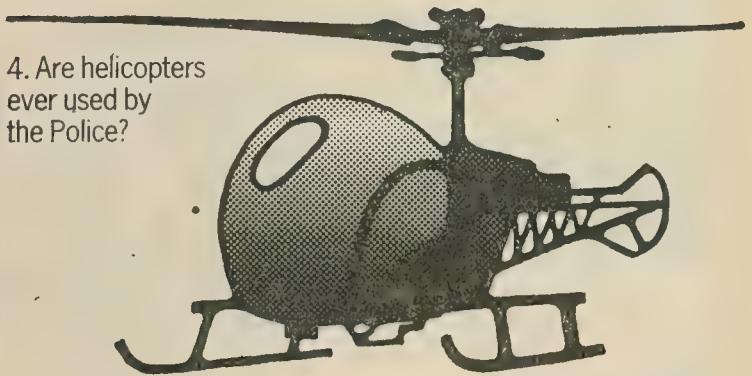


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ANSWERS

WHILE Ron Greenwood was naming his 24 strong squad for England's match against Bulgaria, one man was sitting a thousand miles away and feeling very much out of things... Real Madrid's Laurie Cunningham.

"To tell you the truth," admitted the ex-West Brom winger, "I'm beginning to have serious doubts about my England future, and at the moment it's difficult to say if or when I'll represent my country again."

The brake on Laurie's England career started when Real refused to release the black forward for the Denmark game, with one of the Spanish club's directors mistakenly alleging it was only a friendly.

Cunningham's name was also on the list for the Northern Ireland game and this time Real claimed he was out of action with an ankle

injury. But that didn't stop Laurie playing a League game against Zaragoza three days before. And now Ron Greenwood, a firm advocate of keeping a settled squad, obviously feels that Cunningham is a poor bet for his long-term planning.

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Laurie realises now that the vital factor threatening to bar his progress on the international scene is the absence of a watertight release clause in his five-year contract with Real. "Yes," he confesses, "According to the contract they will only release me if the club hasn't any important matches near the fixture date — and a team like Real always has important games..."

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But it's an omission that threatens to destroy his international career. Real are invariably involved in the Spanish title chase and, although they play

fewer games than the average English club, their season runs till the end of June. So the British Championship and the prestige friendly against Argentina in May also look out of the question for Laurie.

What's more, his only hope of being available for the European Championship Finals in Italy hinges on Spain's performance on Sunday (December 9th) in Limassol against Cyprus. Only if Spain win and therefore qualify from Group Three will the League programme be accelerated to finish in time for the European Championship kick-off on June 11th.

Cunningham continues: "I'm very worried about the situation, and I was even thinking of just slipping away from Madrid and turning up in London but Real have paid big money for me and they're



paying me well, so it seemed fairer all round to play it straight with them."

"I realise that Mr Greenwood is probably upset, but I hope there's some way of sorting things out."

At the moment it looks as if Laurie is going to be stuck on the frustrating figure of three England caps and the 23-year-old star's ambitions to take over as England's regular winger appear to have disappeared with that slight difference of wording in his contract.

In the meantime, Laurie still has his problems at club level.

Real's manager Vujadin Boskov says: "He's got to change his style of play. At West Bromwich his job was simply to score goals. He found space in midfield, got the ball and ran with it till he hit the net. In Spain that is impossible."

"Also the West Brom players played for him, and at Real Madrid that isn't possible because we've got other outstanding players like Juanito and Santillana, who can also score goals in quantity. That's why he's got to change his style and not stop running when he loses the ball."

"He's got to fight for positions before he can receive the ball. He can't stand like a spectator until they give him the ball."

Boskov, the Yugoslav who's taken the reins at Real Madrid, appears to be harsh, but his words are a fair reflection on the English winger's form in the Spanish League. He's had a succession of games in which he's passed virtually unnoticed and the Real fans scratch their heads and ask

each other how they can judge whether their expensive new signing is good or bad when he never sees the ball.

In the opening games of the season Laurie simply shrugged-off his anonymous performances, saying: "I'm just not getting enough of the ball."

After a few more weeks he began to wonder why. And now he's realised why. "In England the opposition usually marks by zones and I was usually able to pick up the ball with room and run at the defence. I didn't really twig during the first few games over here, but I've realised that I've always got a player breathing down my neck and I just don't get the space to control the ball and start a run like I used to."

What Laurie's come up against for the first time in his career is the sort of ultra-tight man-to-man marking that Spanish and Italian defences specialise in.

Certainly it's proving a troublesome problem for Laurie to overcome. His team-mates see him tightly marked, and don't give him the ball. If they do, the opponent usually manages to intercept either the ball or Laurie with a firm boot. Spanish defenders aren't fussy.

"I've got a few tricks up my sleeve," says Laurie, "and I'll

obviously have to learn a few more as well."

But his prime requirement is to learn the art of what the Spaniards call 'desmarcarse' — the ability to shake off even the tightest of marking and find the space to receive passes.

It's quite normal in Spain for your 'shadow' to follow you even when you go to pick up a ball on the sidelines. To shake off this sort of attention is a question of being constantly on the move in a bid to gain that vital yard advantage.

And Laurie, magic with the ball at his feet, isn't the best of off-the-ball runners. A niggling ankle injury hasn't helped.

"They tell me it's just a chipped bone," says Laurie, "but I think there's some ligament or tendon damage as well. It's only a five-minute operation to clear it, but I think they'll have to do it."

Boskov, on the other hand, doesn't agree with Laurie's diagnosis. "It's natural he should look for excuses," he laughs, "but I don't think he'll need surgery. Laurie will triumph in Spain, but we've got to give him time. He's got to change his footballing life and his private life completely — and you can't do that in one day or one month. The trouble here is that the Press and the fans demand instant results."

CUNNINGHAM THE END FOR ENGLAND?

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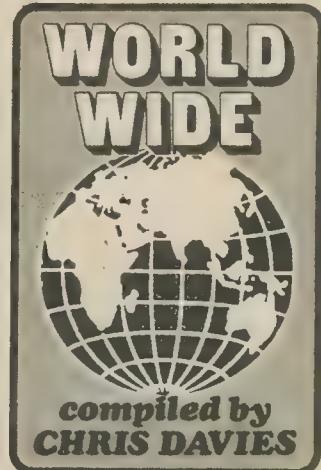
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IN the Polish First Division, two well-known clubs, Stal Mielec and Ruch Chorzow, are in the relegation seats. Underlining how quickly fortunes can change, Ruch were Champions last season; Stal won a U.E.F.A. Cup place and have current internationals goalkeeper Zygmunt Kukla, Grzegorz Lato and Andzej Szarmach. But while Lato still gets goals for Poland, he has scored only three in the League while Szarmach has only one to his credit.



THE Journal da Tarde newspaper in Brazil has published an interesting statistical survey on Flamengo's forward Zico where it is shown that since the start of 1979 he has played 70 matches in 226 days — an average of a match every three days. They also pinpoint a period of 24 days, where Zico played nine matches for Flamengo and Brazil in Bolivia, Brazil, Argentina, Spain and France, plus travelling almost 25,000 miles in that period.

IN 1879, exactly 100 years ago, Peru and Chile were involved in a very bloody War that ended in defeat for Peru and vast territorial gains for Chile. This year, the governments of both countries have turned to senseless nationalistic policies which have severely damaged political relations and deepened the rift between the two countries.

Sadly, sport is invariably mixed with politics. So one can't help thinking about why the CSF (Confederación Sudamericana de Fútbol—South American F.A.) paired Peru and Chile to meet in the Semi-Final of the South American Cup, when everyone knew what such a match implied.

As soon as Chile qualified for the Semi-Final (Peru got through for being the Champions), it was made clear that they were "interested" in playing Peru.

The reasons were simple. Peru had eliminated Chile from the last South American Cup and the World Cup, so Chile were out to gain revenge against a changed and inexperienced Peruvian team. A favourable result would be a national morale booster.

Inexplicably, the meeting of the CSF, where the Semi-Finals were to be decided, was held in Viña del Mar, in Chile, instead of at the CSF headquarters in Lima. The Chilean directives out-maneuvered their Peruvian



counterparts in every sense, and even managed to have the first-leg played in Lima, just as they wanted, when the seeded country, Peru, should have demanded the first-leg in Santiago.

Immediately after the CSF meeting, the Press and T.V. went to work at building up an explosive atmos-

phere. Naturally this put extra pressure on the young Peruvian players, as it was made clear to them that they were playing for more than just a ticket to the Final.

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team tamed

which turned the stadium into a mass of red and white, accompanied by two brave solitary Chilean flags.

Ironically most of the singing and shouting was done before the match began — there wasn't much to sing about afterwards.

But it must be said that despite the circumstances, the Peruvian fans were well behaved. Fanatical, but not violent, except for some bottles and cans thrown at Chiarella, the Peruvian manager, at the end of the match. Part of the crowd showed their appreciation of the Chilean team with a round of applause after their 2-1 win.

The following week, as Peru prepared to attempt a miracle by winning in Chile, was hectic. Percy Rojas, who has recovered his form, and Jose Navarro, were called up two days before Peru travelled to Santiago, hardly long enough to settle in.

The fans and the Press cried out for the World Cup stars to be called back in an attempt to restore national pride, forgetting all about Chiarella's youth policy.

Indeed, Teófilo Cubillas, on holiday from Fort Lauderdale, was asked to join the team, but he turned down the offer because of injury.

The game in Santiago was played in the same explosive atmosphere as in Lima. With less pressure on them, the Peruvian team played far better than

in Lima, and more than one Chilean must have sighed in relief when the game ended in a goalless draw.

The game proved to be a lot more violent than in Lima. Perhaps the reason for Peru's lack of fire up-front was because Percy Rojas was sent-off after an unnecessary foul. In the last minutes of the first half, Elias Figueroa, the brilliant Chilean defender, was also sent-off.

So it is Chile who went to the Final to play Paraguay, shock conquerors of Brazil.

Incidentally, the Santiago game was Peruvian veteran defender Hector Chumpitaz's last game for his country. He has now quit international football after a distinguished career, but he will continue playing in the League for Sporting Cristal.

Chile meet Paraguay in the two-leg Final; the result of the first game is not known as we go to Press, while the return is next week. The two countries will also meet in the qualifying ties for the 1982 World Cup.

Paraguay, an emerging nation, knocked out mighty Brazil and their Olimpia club are South American Champions.

Their young side should prove too strong for Chile, despite the Chileans' extra experience.

A full report on the Final will appear in *World Wide* shortly.



This pitch-invader during the Bayer Leverkusen/Borussia Dortmund game in West Germany deserved all that he got.

'Fraud' Felman kicked out

THERE'S been another scandal in Argentina at international level. Spain concerning the falsification of documents relating to foreign players. The victim in this case is Valencia's speedy winger Dario Luis Felman, who's had his contract with the Spanish club cancelled after an investigation.

The problem arose because Spain's new regulations permit clubs to sign two players who've represented a foreign country. In Valencia's case the two foreigners are Mario Kempes and Rainer Bonhof, and the club was able to retain Felman in their squad after receiving a certificate from the Argentine F.A. stating that the ex-Boca Juniors winger had never represented

But now the Spanish authorities have received word that Felman did represent Argentina, when he came on as substitute in the 81st minute of a friendly against Hungary in 1977.

Those nine minutes mean that Felman's contract with Valencia is "illegal" and the F.A. has insisted that it be immediately rescinded.

The club is furious at losing a vital first-teamer in mid-season and is now taking legal action against Felman himself; Felman's old club Boca Juniors; the intermediary in the transfer; and the Argentine F.A. for conspiring in a fraudulent operation.

News flashes

West German football prestige took a knock when they were beaten in the Olympic Games by Norway. If the Norwegians win their next match at home to Finland, whom they have already beaten away, the Germans will be eliminated.

European competition can be hazardous as AGF Aarhus of Denmark discovered in the First Round of the U.E.F.A. Cup. After drawing away to Stal Mielec in Poland more than half their team was down with salmonella food poisoning and they had to ask the League to cancel their home match three days later with BK Odense.

Amateur referees in South America are often beaten up by angry fans but in Argentina Señor Pedro Vélez has no fears. He keeps two gorillas as pets, and as he says . . . "after going into their cage to feed them, football supporters hold no fears for me."

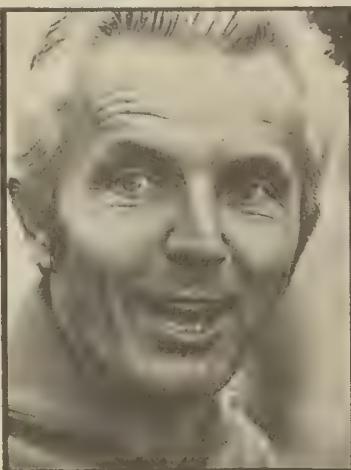
Andreas Torocsik, the Hungarian centre-forward star of 1978, has had an unlucky spell. Sent-off in the World Cup, he was suspended from international football for a year, then badly injured in a car crash. After two operations there are still complications and he is to be sent to London to consult a specialist with a view to another operation.

During his recent stay in hospital through a complete "stress-breakdown", former Brazil winger Garrincha received more than 200 letters from fans all over the world wishing him a speedy recovery.

Among those letters, the one that impressed him most was from a six-year-old Argentinian boy saying: "I saw you play on T.V. recently and decided that my nickname in my school team would be Garrincha. Now I cannot play because I am supposed to be in hospital, so please see to it that you recover soon."

After being sacked by Thadentes of Piaui (Brazil), manager Jaime Marinho explained that he had been fired because he did not agree with the club's working methods. Asked what these "working methods" are, he said: "The club spends nearly £50 a week on drugs for the players to take before matches." Police are now investigating.

Portuguese International João Alves was Paris Saint Germain's star close-season signing. But the 26-year-old midfielder renowned for wearing black gloves in every match unluckily suffered a serious injury in his third League match for the French club and has not played since the game four months ago.



Georg Buschner (above), the East German team manager, recently notched his 100th international with the 5-2 win over Switzerland. He took the DDR to the World Cup in 1974 for the first time and won the gold medal at the Montreal Olympics. Buschner is one of the longest-serving managers in world football.

Reports from France state that Stoke manager Alan Durban was interested in signing Monaco full-back Serge Perruchini — but backed out of the deal when he discovered that the Frenchman doesn't speak a word of English.

Serginho, São Paulo's centre-forward who missed the World Cup in Argentina because of a 22-month suspension imposed by the Brazil F.A., apparently has not learned his lesson. Against XV de Jahu he was again sent-off for "violence of the tongue".

The government in Angola have organised two football schools in provincial cities Huambo and Uige and invited boys between ten and 15 for trials. The best of the players will have a basic education, but specialise in football under coaches from East Germany.

When the Soviet Union beat Rumania 3-1 the manager was Oleg Basiliyevitch, a former player with Dynamo Kiev. He is the third manager of 1979 after Nikita Simion and Konstantin Beskov.

West Berlin club Hertha are now being sponsored by a local bank. Playing at the 100,000 capacity Olympic Stadium they never get capacity crowds and their sponsors are going to give away 30,000 free tickets for children to customers at their bank.

FK Austria (Vienna) have temporarily had their days at the top it seems. Champions last season but hustled out of the European Cup, they have been beaten at home and away by newly promoted Linzer ASK. New League leaders are the unfancied Grazer AK who attracted a 20,000 crowd for their local derby with Sturm Graz (the 48th in the series). Winning 1-0, Grazer AK went three points clear at the top of the Austrian Bundesliga to the delight of Czech manager Vaclav Halama. FK Austria fans blame their downfall on goalkeeper Gerhard Wenzinger who was promoted when first choice Reinhardt Baumgartner moved to Spain during the summer.



Due to Colombia's bad performance in the South American Cup, the FA has replaced Yugoslav manager Blagoje Vidinic (above) by Argentine's Carlos Salvador Bilardo. Vidinic has been "relegated" to the Juniors team.

Italy's £3,000,000 striker Paolo Rossi scored all five of Perugia's goals in the first six matches of the Italian Championship to head the country's scoring charts along with Lazio striker Giordano, who'd scored five of his club's six goals! Incidentally, 27 of the first 48 games played ended as draws.

The Spanish government has announced that modernising ten of the World Cup stadia for 1982 will cost at least £22,000,000. Work on Bilbao's San Mamés Stadium represents the most expensive modernisation programme, with a budget of £3.4m. The budget for work on the other seven stadia still hasn't been presented.

Spanish League leaders Sporting Gijón decided to put up their prices for the "battle of the giants" against Barcelona — £5.65 to stand on the terraces and £14 for a seat in the main stand.

SC Lobberich, who play in a Youth League in Krefeld (W. Germany), recently ran up a 31-0 victory. Top scorer was centre-forward Klaus Gotz with 16 goals.

IN the life and times of a professional footballer there can be some pretty hectic and hair-raising moments... but I don't remember any to compare with the 90 minutes I spent in Dundalk ensuring a place in the Quarter-Finals of the European Cup.

If you remember Dundalk came to Glasgow as so called sitting ducks for the first-leg but although they lost 3-2 they did all Ireland proud with an inspired display.

So we Celts were really up against it when we travelled across the sea to Ireland for the return knowing that a 1-0 defeat would put us out of the Cup.

And what a fight Dundalk put up. I can honestly say I have never been so nervous during a game. I was exhausted — mentally more than physically — at the end, when we got the 0-0 draw which was good enough to take us through to the last eight.

Last season's European Cup Quarter-Finals were reckoned to be a bit of a let-down by the critics because most of the so-called big noises bit the dust in the earlier rounds.

Full house

But this time they are all there. And it means we don't really care who we come out of the hat with when the draw is made in January, for such is the quality that the house full signs will go up at Parkhead for any one of the seven.

We know all about Nottingham Forest of course, but really we would love to keep the Scotland v England clash for the Final.

Real Madrid are charging back again, led by the black magic of Laurie Cunningham. Ajax, three times winners, are there and so too are French Champs Strasbourg, who I rate as one of the dark horses.

Kevin Keegan's Hamburg proved themselves a side and a half when they beat Tbilisi, but I don't fancy a trip behind the Iron Curtain to the other half of Germany to face Dynamo Berlin. Then again Hajduk Split are always representatives of Yugoslavia in one of the competitions, so they will be no mugs.

See what I mean? Not a pushover in sight.

Mind you, don't get me wrong, for it is beginning to sound as if I am upset at the thought of being in the last eight of the biggest club tournament in the world. Nothing could be further from the truth.

It is a great thing for the club and Scottish football. It means there is a light at the end of the long winter

months because of course the Quarters are not played until March.

Let me just say that after two rounds against Partisan Tirana and Dundalk our young players have gained a wealth of experience, and that must improve any chance we have of lifting Europe's premier trophy.

Finally on the Europe front — for the moment — I want to salute Dundalk for their remarkable hospitality.

Many of the people I talked to

over there are avid readers of SHOOT and want to know why I don't mention the Irish game more. Well, if I can reply to Ita and Claire in the Dundalk tea-room, I think their team did the talking for me.

Meanwhile back on the home front it is all happening at the top of the Premier Division with high flying Morton proving the big threat to Celtic's title ambitions.

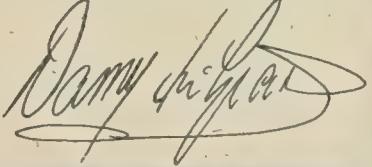
Every season some provincial club threatens Rangers and Celtic, but it always seems to die a death

before April comes round and so far no one outside Glasgow's big two has won the Premier Division.

But Morton have several quality players — former Celts Andy Ritchie and Roy Baines, Bobby Thomson, Bobby Russell, Joe McLaughlin — and a strong squad which is something that really matters over the course.

And if you want to talk about heavy going in mid winter, well no one knows more about that than the team that plays at Cappielow!

See you in two weeks...



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ARSENAL v. SWINDON

'GUNNERS WILL BE PREPARED'

John Hollins
(Arsenal)

I HAVE got to admit that we are pleased with this draw. After beating Leeds, Southampton and Brighton, no one can deny us a break from First Division opposition.

But we will not underestimate Swindon. Bryan Hamilton is well-known in football circles, and I also know Brian Williams from our days together at Q.P.R. If those two are representative of Swindon's team, then it will be a very hard game.

Everybody is expecting us to go through, and really Swindon have nothing to lose. But I prefer not to forecast anything, that way I won't look silly if it goes wrong. But obviously we are confident of success, and the home draw will undoubtedly help us.

Terry Neill will have had Swindon very closely scrutinised, and there is no way Arsenal will be going into this game unprepared. We are taking each game as it comes, and it would be pointless to say that we would like to avoid so and so in the Semi-Finals, because we might not make it, or they might fall to the underdog in the Quarter-Finals.



'100 PER CENT EFFORT WILL BE NEEDED'

Bryan Hamilton
(Swindon)



WE couldn't have drawn a bigger fish if we had tried, but in many ways this is a good draw because Swindon seem to play better against teams from a higher Division. I think we would make a much better Second or even First Division team than we make a Third Division one, because we do the things the good players do but tend to fall down a little on the physical side.

That is why I think we will shock a few people next season if we win promotion. We are not frightened of Arsenal, but I wish we had been drawn at home, that would have made a great difference.

I know Pat Jennings, Pat Rice and Sammy Nelson from my Northern Ireland connections, but I don't think that will help us in the least because they are such good players. But they are not infallible.

The local Press has been building the game up as a repeat of the 1969 League Cup Final, when Swindon won 3-1. But that game is past history. It means absolutely nothing to the present team, and only Danny Williams and John Trollope are still at the club from that game.

But being realistic, we face a hell of a task. We have got to shackle Liam Brady, stop Graham Rix and Frank Stapleton, get past David O'Leary and then score against Pat Jennings. It will take a 100 per cent team effort if we are to get anything at all out of this game.

GRIMSBY v. WOLVES

'IT WON'T BE EASY'

Andy Gray
(Wolves)

IT'S the tie we wanted. No disrespect to Grimsby, but it must be better to play them than Liverpool, Forest or Arsenal.

I know they did well to beat Everton in the last round, but it often happens that a smaller club has one moment of glory and then comes down to earth.

Having said that, our visit to Humber-side certainly won't be easy. There will be a packed crowd, and under such circumstances the Grimsby players will raise their game. This will be the first time I've played there in a competitive match.

Having been to Wembley with Aston Villa for the League Cup Final, I believe that if your name is on the Cup, it's there by now.

Wolves have had a few lucky breaks, which you need. Kenny Sansom's poor back pass that helped us to beat Palace... Kenny Hibbitt's last-gasp equaliser at Q.P.R. I'm not counting my chickens, but I have a feeling Wolves could go all the way.

After our marvellous start to the season, results have dropped off a little, and this will be a marvellous opportunity for us to rediscover our touch.



'CAPABLE OF MORE GLORY'

Bobby Mitchell (Grimsby)

AFTER our fine 2-1 win against First Division Everton in the previous round at Blundell Park, we don't fear anyone.

If we were to entertain Wolves in a League match, we wouldn't stand much of a chance, but Cup football is completely different.

When we played Everton, we created just two clear-cut chances and fortunately we took them both with opportunist goals from Mike Brolly.

It will be the same in our clash with the First Division club and we must take our opportunities.

Our manager, George Kerr, watched them against Stoke City in a First Division clash and, to be honest, wasn't that impressed with them.

Mind you, we won't under-estimate them because they will be wary of us after our previous round exploits.

Even so, we are quite capable of repeating our previous round achievements and add another important scalp.



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NORWICH v. LIVERPOOL



'A BAD DRAW FOR US'

Kevin Bond
(Norwich)

I CAN only view this game with mixed feelings. As regards getting to Wembley, it can only be a bad draw, because Liverpool are still the best team in Britain. But from the point of view of Norwich FC, it is a tremendous crowd-puller.

We would have preferred Grimsby, because you hope it would be an easier game than Liverpool. But you can never tell, as Grimsby showed against Everton in the last round.

If the team plays to their full potential there is no doubt that we can beat Liverpool. We gained a 0-0 draw at Anfield in the League game in September, and that was a terrific result. We were under tremendous pressure in the second-half, but it wasn't a case of playing defensively, it was just that we had no choice. Yet Liverpool had a lot of the ball without making many clear cut chances, and that cost them both points.

This time it will be at Carrow Road, and we will be doing the attacking. The Norwich fans have at last got something to cheer, and the home draw will be as advantageous to us as it would have been to Liverpool if the game was at Anfield.

'WE'LL WIN AT ANFIELD'

Alan Kennedy (Liverpool)

WHEN I first heard the draw I was a little worried. After all, The Canaries had played at Liverpool earlier in the season and left with a creditable 0-0 draw.

So after their fine point-snatching job, there is no way we will be underestimating our opponents from Carrow Road. But since that game, we have hit superb form and went to the top of the First Division on November 17th.

Everyone at Anfield is pleased with our away form this season and will approach this League Cup-tie with confidence.

Mind you, Norwich are playing well and they certainly possess danger men. Martin Peters is apparently still at his brilliant best and we will have to keep a watchful eye on their talented young strikers, Kevin Reeves and Justin Fashanu.

I think we will get a draw and then progress through to the Semi-Finals by beating them in a replay at Anfield.



WEST HAM v. NOTTM FOR.



'A HAT-TRICK FOR FOREST'

Kenny Burns
(Nottm For.)

THERE is a lot of pressure on Forest, because of course we are going for a unique hat-trick of League Cup Final victories. An away draw was not what we wanted, and we would have preferred even Liverpool if it was played in front of our own fans.

Most teams lift themselves when they play us, because for many it is their Cup Final. That does not just apply to lower Division teams, but to First Division sides as well, and no doubt West Ham will go flat out. They are sure to attack us at Upton Park, and we will have to watch out for Trevor Brooking if he is on form.

I am also looking forward to my clash with big Dave Cross, but we are playing well and are confident that we can make it three in a row. We must have a better chance than 84 of the others!

Our major priority is to win the League Championship back from Liverpool, but that does not mean that Forest will not be going flat out to retain the League Cup. We are used to 55 or 60 games a season, and will have no trouble playing these extra games.



'HAMMERS TO SMASH CLOUGH'S DREAMS'

Trevor Brooking
(West Ham)

THIS gives us an excellent chance to assess our progress this season, with the view of possibly meeting Forest again in 1980-81 in the First Division.

I would rather meet the European Champions in the Quarter-Finals than in a home-and-away Semi-Final tussle where they would be far more dangerous.

Forest's tails are up and we have got the unenviable task of trying to stop Brian Clough's men from completing a hat-trick of League Cup Final wins at Wembley.

It is very difficult to pin-point where the danger may lie at Upton Park from Forest.

They are all potential match-winners from their number two Viv Anderson right through to the number 11, John Robertson. Even goalkeeper Peter Shilton will prove a formidable barrier.

Having said that, though, West Ham are enjoying a good run and, in front of a full house, we will give Forest a run for their money.

It's obviously going to be a close game but I have a strong feeling West Ham will sneak a victory by a single goal and end Clough's dreams of a hat-trick of League Cups.

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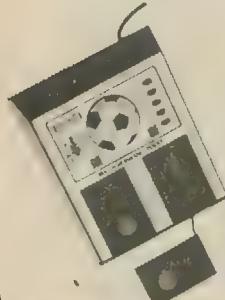
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Critics prepared to write-off Ipswich Town's prospects of winning a place in European competition in 1980-81 should dwell for a moment on a slice of modern history.

After 15 League games last season, Bobby Robson's team had accumulated only ten points. By the end of the 1978-79 campaign they had hoisted themselves up the First Division to sixth position — and a place in Europe.

After 15 League games this season, they had collected just ten points and were lying third from bottom of the table ahead of Bolton and Brighton.

Another disappointing start and once again the knives are out to find scapegoats for Ipswich's fall from grace.

Has Bobby Robson lost his Midas touch and affection for the club after Bilbao's sensational £400,000 offer for his services fell down in the summer?

Was Robson misguided to part with top coach Cyril Lea after the Welshman had helped guide Ipswich to the most purple passage in its 102 year history?

Was the manager wrong to sell top striker Trevor Whymark? Is centre-half Allan Hunter finished as a First Division defender?

The dark, probing questions were gaining momentum last month when Bobby Robson was given the finest reference of faith any football club boss could receive — 23,000 fans pressing through the turnstiles to attend his testimonial match, at Portman Road.

It is estimated that Robson grossed £30,000 that night, a tribute to his expertise.

No one is suggesting that Ipswich are riding the crest of a wave or that Robson is not under pressure to rescue the club from a poor start, but there is no panic in the camp.

Robson's top priority is to find a top class striker. He resisted the temptation of a deal with Alan Mullery that would have taken Eric Gates to Brighton in exchange for Peter Ward but there is every likelihood that he will plunge into the transfer market before Christmas for one or possibly two players.



games last season, but even that successful combination has been threatened this season by Brazil's chest illness which has reduced him to intermittent appearances.

Mariner's serious loss of form and Clive Woods' injuries this season have also contributed to Ipswich's problems.

The winger's absence was a bitter blow and it is no secret that Robson is scouring the country for a player who will provide width to the Ipswich attack.

Arnold Muhren missed Woods as much as Robson, for the Dutch star relies heavily on a winger to collect his inch-perfect passes, but if Muhren has been less effective this season, his colleague Frans Thijssen was rewarded by selection for Holland's squad against East Germany last month.

John Wark's loss of form has also baffled Ipswich. He has produced little of the form that won him Scotland caps.

The manager has threatened to break-up the team that has brought so much success, but his loyalty to one of the most popular groups of players in the Football League has dissuaded him from that onerous task.

Out

The height of the club's misfortunes was the moment they went out of the U.E.F.A. Cup Second Round to Grasshoppers Zurich, the Swiss club qualifying on the away goals rule.

It was a bitter disappointment to go out of a competition without losing but Ipswich have made rather a habit of that in six campaigns in Europe in the last seven seasons. Only once have they gone out after defeat.

Yet it has not all been misery. Kevin Beattie recovered from an operation in the summer to strengthen a knee and is approaching his best form — and Ipswich's representation at international level is impressive to say the least.

Their international line-up is as follows: George Burley, Scotland; Alan Butcher, England Under-21; Frans Thijssen, Holland; Russell Osman, England Under-21; Kevin Beattie, England; John Wark, Scotland; Arnold Muhren, Holland; Paul Mariner, England; Mick Mills, England; Alan Brazil, Scotland Under-21.

No wonder the club's public relations officer, Mel Henderson, is confident Ipswich can climb out of the rut.

"It's an old saying up this way that 'Norwich start like bombs and Ipswich finish like bombs'. We'll do it again this season."

Frans Thijssen (right) has been in fine form for Ipswich, yet was unable to prevent their U.E.F.A. Cup defeat by Grasshoppers.



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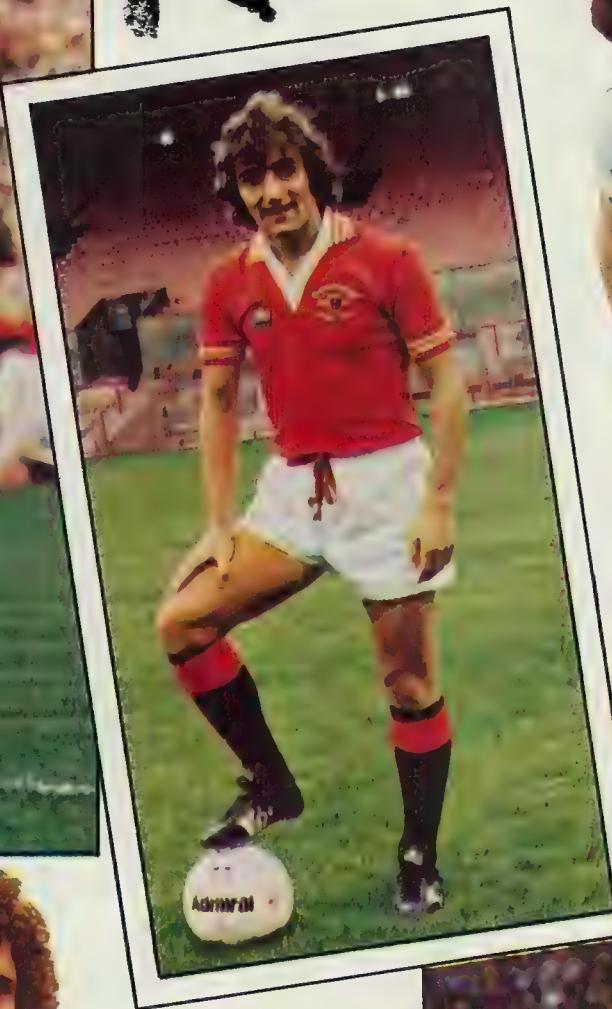
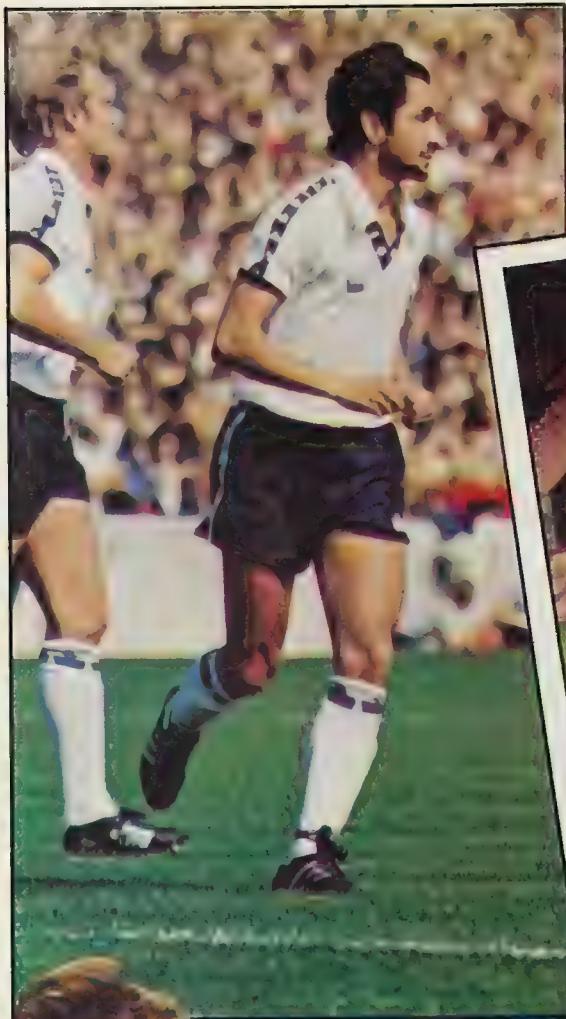
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Kelly's Kids growing up at Leicester

LIFE has gone a full circle for Leicester City midfielder player Eddie Kelly since he came into the game as a teenager in Arsenal's famous double-winning side in 1970.

At that time he was the youngster looking for guidance from Highbury's senior professionals like Frank McLintock, Bob Wilson and Peter Simpson, and now, nine years, on the 28-year-old Scot finds himself sought out for advice by Filbert Street's promising batch of youngsters.

"It's nice when the young kids come up and ask your advice and opinion," says Eddie. "But that's what professionals like myself are for, passing on any help we can to the younger lads who are trying to make a name for themselves in the game."

And Eddie certainly thrives on being a member of City's currently successful side. "The atmosphere at the club now is absolutely

tremendous, and it's been like that ever since Jock Wallace arrived.

"It's as though he has given the club a new environment, and certainly the current team is one of the most attractive I have played in. They are always looking to attack, and that can't be a bad thing for the game.

"The spirit within the club is excellent, and that makes a pleasant change from the past when the place used to be like a graveyard.

"The last 18 months have been really great and they are going to get even better if things keep on as they are doing on the field at the moment.

"It's great playing alongside youngsters like Andy Peake, a lad with tremendous ability who could go a long way in the game. The young lads are obviously trying hard to show off their undoubted skills, and also they do plenty of running — which saves my legs!"

If Eddie gets his wish then those

legs of his could be carrying him around the First Division grounds once again next season. "I would like to see us back in Division One, preferably next season," he says. "I think Mr Wallace deserves it and will be successful in his quest."

Certainly Eddie holds no fear of the opposition which could bar City's progress back to the First Division.

'Dangerous'

"I can't honestly see why we can't get back. Of the sides we have already played I don't think we have anyone to fear. Luton and Newcastle have individually dangerous players in Dave Moss and Peter Withe, but there again we have got Alan Young, and he's not exactly been slow in making a big name for himself here at Filbert Street.

"Yes, we're definitely on the way up, and I can't wait to get back to playing in the First Division — it's the only place to be."

Eddie should know, since before his drop into the Second Division with City last season, he had spent all of his playing career in the top sector.

Paul Price~getting ahead with The Hatters

AT the end of last season, Paul Price had a stop-go career of two broken leg injuries to look back on and a frantic battle against relegation that finally succeeded by a couple of points. Now he is leading a Luton Town charge towards the First Division and was called up into the Wales squad for their European Championship-tie against Turkey.

"It's been quite a change," agrees Price. "Playing in a winning side is far easier than being in a losing one! There is the confidence all around to try things that you would not have dared to think about if every point was a life or death issue.

'Better side'

"A return to the First Division for Luton? Ask me that again with a couple of games to go."

"We may have lost one or two that we should not have let slip — but I haven't seen a better side in the Second Division," asserts manager David Pleat.

He made Price skipper at the start of this season. Now a partnership which started when the young manager was in charge of a reserve side that included an even younger defender is one of the Second Division's brightest success stories of the season — and has led the St Albans-born Price into the full Welsh squad.

"It started when my Dad, who was born in Merthyr, went home



last year to see his relatives," explains Paul. "He returned with a cutting from a local newspaper and thrust it into my hand. 'Take a look at this,' he said — it was all about injuries to Ian Evans, Dave Roberts and David Jones.

"They were all unavailable to Wales at the time because of serious injuries . . . and, like me, are all central defenders born in England of a Welsh father.

"My next step was to see David Pleat. 'I'd like to be Welsh,' I told him. 'I've never met the Wales

manager Mike Smith and my only contact with Welsh internationals is in playing against them — but I thought it was worth a go."

As a member of a Luton team fighting desperately against relegation, there were very few references last season that Paul could offer Mike Smith: this time it is a very different picture.

"To start with, I made Paul our skipper at the start of this season. I thought it would do him — and us — the world of good," says Pleat. "And that is exactly how it has worked out.

"If Paul has a problem about his game, it is that he possesses so much natural ability. In fact, he was getting by on ability alone. He needed a rocket of some kind — challenge, responsibility, ambition. In taking over the captaincy, he has found all of them.

"I am not being one-eyed at all when I say that his form this season has been outstanding. I am certain that Paul will prove just as talented and dominating at international football as he is demonstrating week after week in the Second Division.

"In the air, he is superb; his control and authority playing alongside the centre-half have given our defence tremendous

poise. He is a natural."

Price agrees: "I think I'm having a pretty good season. I enjoy the captaincy and I think the responsibility of my job has given my game an extra edge: setting an example to other players helps me and, in turn, helps others."

He has had to battle long and bravely to achieve his place in this season's headlines. He spent month after month with his right leg in plaster after two breaks in quick succession. "I was out with the first one for six months; came back for a couple of matches; then it went once more. Thank goodness, that is a long way behind me now," explains Price.

His first appearances for Luton were at full-back. Then Paul Futch made his £350,000 switch to Manchester City and Price jumped in to bid for a position he had always wanted.

"I made the switch midway through last season and it was one of the best moves I've ever made," confirms Paul, who also had experience of the job when playing for Minnesota Kicks.

It was a decision which has launched him towards the First Division and next season's World Cup qualifying matches in the red shirt of Wales.

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COACH PORTERFIELD DRIVING OWLS

HERE'S an old saying that "the only certain thing about football is its uncertainty" but what is proven over and over again is that if you take a Scottish footballer and continually try to deter him from his ambition you will find you've created a very positive and determined individual.

Ian Porterfield, skipper of Sheffield Wednesday, comes into this category. At one time he was on the fringe of selection for the Scottish team when first injuries and later a sickening car crash squashed his chances.

Now, after four years with Raith Rovers, nearly ten with Sunderland and two with Wednesday, he is convincing quite a few people in the game that he will have a lot to offer as a manager when he finally ends his playing days.

At the moment his aim is to clinch promotion with Sheffield Wednesday. They need his aggression, control and organisation to maintain their challenge, especially with so many other experienced players not available through injury or lack of form.

Salute

At 33 he still has the stamina for hard fought games and looks like he will be the one to lead the players around the pitch in a salute at the end of the season.

He has already turned down good offers from various quarters. "I had given my word to Jack Charlton that I would stay on here for another couple of years as player-coach before the offers arrived, and loyalty is important in football," he said.

As he sat in the South Stand, surveying the fine Hillsborough ground as he talked to SHOOT, it was clear why Charlton didn't want to lose Porterfield. They are as blunt as each other, want the same success for Wednesday and coach well with Maurice Setters in coaching the players.

Apart from Porterfield's skill and drive on the pitch he is a qualified



promotion for success-starved Wednesday could be another exuberant occasion. He senses that it could be in their grasp. "The second half of the League should go well for us... barring crucial injuries we'll go close!"

"We are now in contention near the top despite having to use 21 players — which is quite a lot — in our first 16 matches."

"We haven't played well at home yet. We have given silly goals away and the team can sense the increasing frustration on the terraces. We know the fans want us to do well. It takes time to adjust to new players coming into the side and, of course, when opponents come to Hillsborough for the first time and see the big stadium and crowd it lifts their game."

'Great'

"I understand how they feel. When I was with Raith Rovers and we went to Glasgow Rangers or Celtic I felt great. It was the same when Wednesday went to Highbury last season to play Arsenal and when we went recently to Manchester City."

"Nevertheless we have got the squad that can make it this season. You have to work harder when you are near the top and our players have the character, and good habits needed to respond to the discipline necessary to keep in contention."

"Getting the club back into the

TOWARDS PROMOTION

coach and, living most of the week away from his family, spends the afternoons and a few evenings at his work.

It has been a wrench for him during the last two years to leave his family in Sunderland each Monday morning, not to return until the following Saturday evening, but if anything the enforced absence (pending a property deal completion) has only stiffened his determination to make a bigger mark in the game.

"I have been fortunate in my

career," he said "to have been coached by three F.A. Staff Coaches — Alan Brown, Jimmy Adamson and Jack Charlton — and their methods make quite an impression upon you."

Inevitably his most memorable moment in the game was when he scored the only goal in the 1973 F.A. Cup Final to give victory to Second Division Sunderland over the most efficient team of the time — Leeds.

That was a joyous day for Sunderland and Porterfield knows that

Second Division is vitally important to the fans, and we cannot allow any room for complacency simply because we have made a good start to the season.

"Any lad that makes it into the first team and thinks he can then relax is making a big mistake and that's how it is when you are in with a chance of promotion."

Porterfield has always put that logic into practice, which is why there seems to be a good future for him and Sheffield Wednesday around the corner.

WHEN Glenn Hoddle shot Spurs' goal in the 1-0 defeat of Forest on October 27 he could not have known that he was merely adding his name to an incredibly long list of players who have preceded him in celebrating personal milestones.

That vital goal came on Glenn's 22nd birthday, a year later than an uncanny succession of players who scored on their 21st birthdays.

John Richards scored both Wolves' goals in a 2-1 defeat of Derby County on November 13, 1971;

Brian Little scored twice and had a hand in three other goals when Aston Villa hammered Hartlepools 6-1 in the Football League Cup on November 25, 1974;

Dave Gwyther (now Rotherham United) scored four — all with his head — for Swansea against

GOALDEN BIRTHDAYS



Oxford City in the F.A. Cup on November 16, 1968;

Trevor Francis scored for Birmingham City against Luton Town on April 19, 1975;

Crystal Palace's Peter Nicholas shot the winner against Arsenal on November 10th... his effort was deflected, but he said: "I'm claiming it as a 20th birthday present!"

Bob Latchford scored twice for Everton on his 24th birthday on January 18, 1975, on the

ground of his old club, Birmingham City, and with brother David in the home goal!

The one and only Brian Clough, of course, had to get in on this act, and scored four times for Middlesbrough against Swans on March 21, 1959, his 24th birthday.

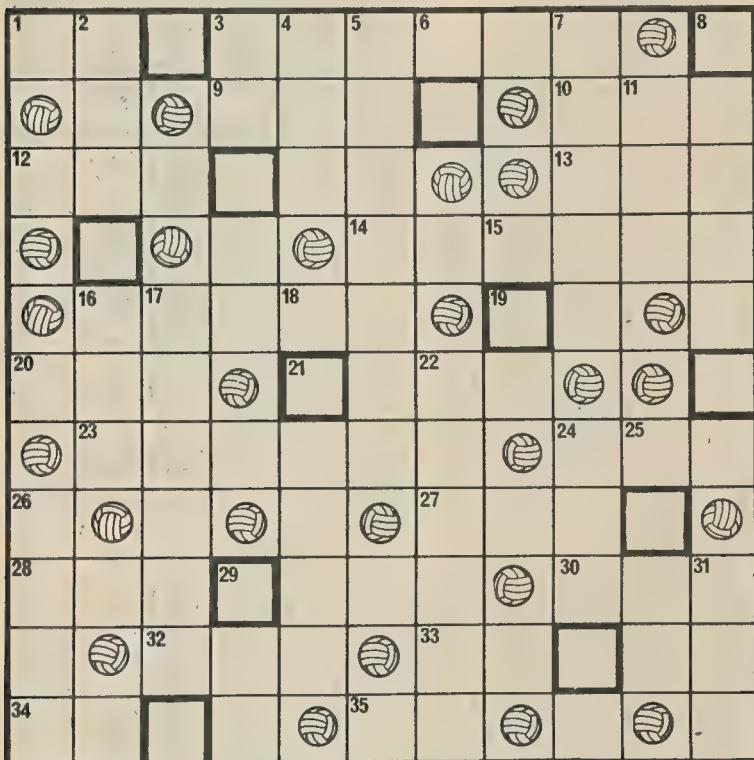
Come in also, Denis Law. Three of Manchester United's goals in a 6-2 F.A. Cup rout of Birmingham on February 24, 1969, were hit by him — on the day he reached 29.

Another redoubtable goal ace of yesteryear, Stan Mortensen, was 26 on May 27, 1947, and he marked it with four goals in England's 10-0 "murder" of Portugal in Lisbon.

The pick of the basket among these celebrations? Surely Brian Kidd's goal for Manchester United in the 4-1 defeat of Benfica in the 1968 European Cup Final on his 19th birthday.

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Crystal Palace midfield player. Answers on page 50.



ACROSS:

- (1) Ron —, England team manager.
- (9) P-i-st-i-lid Stadium, Gillingham. Sail from the omissions.
- (10) Reading play at — Park.
- (12) Traps.
- (13) Insect associated with Brentford.
- (14) Walk with unsteady steps (from the start of Spurs, almost!).
- (16) The basis for the pitch!
- (19) -p-wich Town from Portman Road.
- (20) P-ti-k Thistle, Scottish Premier Division side.
- (21) Take four letters from Dens Park to give a type of file.
- (23) Plot or plan.
- (24) Les ---ley, Coventry City 'keeper.
- (27) Ha-if-x To--, "The Shaymen".
- (28) Confirm or sanction.
- (30) St--- Park, ground of Stranraer.
- (32) ---quay United play at Plainmoor.
- (33) Scottish Div. One team from Shawfield Stadium, Glasgow.
- (34) ---ball Ground, home of "The Rams".
- (35) — James' Park, Exeter City.

DOWN:

- (2) Scottish League runners-up last season.
- (3) T---y Y--ath of Spurs and Wales.
- (4) Jimmy Gr---hoff. The omissions reversed.
- (5) For whom Bryan Robson was top scorer last season. (4 & 3)
- (6) -i-rentina (European Cup-Winners' Cup winners, 1961). Reverse the missing letters.
- (7) Unfortunately many clubs have financial ones.
- (8) Country to whose clubs we are losing a number of top players.
- (11) Gordon —, Everton manager.
- (15) Prediction of the result, for instance.
- (17) Receives as true.
- (18) — Cherry, Leeds United player.
- (22) Choose (the players for the team, maybe).
- (24) Swinging motions . . . perhaps to avoid a tackle.
- (25) Také four letters from Anfield to make a girl's name.
- (26) -ryan H---ton (Swindon). Animal from the omissions.
- (29) Glenn ---der, Q.P.R. skipper.
- (31) Aberdeen's colour.

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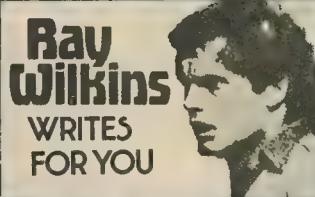
WHEN we knocked Spurs out of the League Cup early in September, I thought the Londoners were in for a hard winter. However, United go to White Hart Lane this Saturday (December 1st) with both clubs well placed in the Championship race. Since our 3-1 victory in the League Cup second-leg, Spurs have hit top form and have risen from bottom place to a position more suited to their tradition.

marks to prove it! Seriously, it was when I was with Chelsea and we had a good old tussle.

For Wales, Terry is an inspiring captain, constantly urging his men to better things. Terry's emergence as anchor-man in the Spurs midfield has enabled Glenn and Osvaldo to express themselves far more, without worrying all the time about getting back.

Spurs had a bit of a problem last

'SPURS'



Ray Wilkins
WRITES
FOR YOU

My opinion was based on Spurs' performance at Old Trafford and I thought they would struggle away from home. They have proved me wrong and have chalked up some good results on opponents' grounds, notably their 2-1 win at Leeds when they were reduced to ten men, with Glenn Hoddle playing in goal.

Spurs and United had a good game at White Hart Lane — my first game in London with United — and they took the lead with that memorable Hoddle goal. From our point of view, it was an unprofessional goal to give away. Glenn took the free-kick and we should have picked him up as he ran for the return. We didn't and his volleyed shot gave Gary Bailey no chance.

At Old Trafford, Spurs were somewhat inhibited by the crowd and it became a bit of a needle match. We won 3-1 and there was no doubt we deserved our victory.

Chris Hughton and Paul Miller had just come into the team at that time and I remember being impressed by both youngsters. "Maxi" Miller looked a really strong centre-half, while Hughton, at right-back, was quick, eager to be involved and marked his man well.

I was with Paul for a week or so when he went to Chelsea as a schoolboy many years ago, although I don't recall too much about him.

Terry Yorath was also just settling into the team, switching from sweeper to midfield. Now, he has settled in midfield, playing between Glenn Hoddle and Osvaldo Ardiles.

I like Terry, he's a good professional, a better player to have in your side than as an opponent. I've always felt Terry was a more skilful player than he's given credit for as he is one of the best passers of the ball around.

His aggression sometimes gets the better of him, but this should not detract from the fact he is a fine midfielder.

Only once have I actually been marked by Terry — I've still got the

season with these two, but maybe it was because they didn't have someone like Terry to "sit" between them.

I rate Glenn very highly. He is now more involved in the game and believes in himself. There is no limit to what he can achieve. I particularly like the way he has been dictating play this season. Playing in Division Two probably did him the world of good, just as it did me.

The Second Division helps the physical side of your game, so when you play in the First, you are better prepared.

Ossie seems a bit quieter this time round, while Ricky Villa has come into his own. I've always liked the Big Fella, even though it took him a while to come to terms with our football.

I played against the pair in one of their early games and I was impressed by the way Villa, for a big player, controlled the ball in tight situations.

Ricky has now brushed up on his defensive qualities and has improved his fitness. And what a shot he has!

Captain Steve Perryman is playing as well as ever. I trained with Spurs as a schoolboy for a week and Steve was 16 at the time. You'd be hard pressed to find a better club man than Steve.

One underrated Spurs player I've always liked is striker Gerry Arm-



"Clive Walker and Tommy Langley listen to new Chelsea manager Geoff Hurst."

strong. Spurs took him off at Old Trafford in the League Cup-tie and I was delighted as he was their most dangerous forward.

One game against Spurs which will always stand out in my memory was the one at White Hart Lane in 1975 . . . it was the game that sent Chelsea down to Division Two.

Chelsea played quite well, in fact, and I missed a marvellous opportunity to break the deadlock. I

received the ball almost on the penalty spot; I feinted to go one way and Pat Jennings started to move, I virtually had the goal at my mercy, yet blasted the ball over the top.

A couple of minutes later, Steve Perryman ran the length of the field to score for Spurs . . . and Chelsea were down.

I'm pleased to see Chelsea having a good season. When I left Stamford Bridge, I was worried they may

not have it all their own way in the Second Division, but a lot has happened since August.

Geoff Hurst has taken over and I know Geoff from the England squad. His brief with us is mainly to coach the strikers and while he may be getting on a bit, he still knows how to score goals. He loves playing in the five-a-side games and his enthusiasm for football is infectious.

Geoff has got the Chelsea defence more organised and now it seems as if they could win promotion. I was in the Maine Road dressing room after our 2-0 defeat by Manchester City and the results were read out. When I heard "Orient 3 . . ." I thought Chelsea had lost, so you can imagine my surprise when the reporter continued ". . . Chelsea 7."

I pictured the lads celebrating with a few lagers and I was really pleased for them.

Chelsea have had four managers in a short space of time, but it's difficult to put my finger on the reason why. Eddie McCreadie had a

REVIVAL SURPRISED ME'



"Paul Miller and Joe Jordan battle it out at White Hart Lane."

bust-up with the board, while Ken Shillito was, perhaps, more suited to coaching youngsters than the first team. Ken certainly helped me a great deal when I was a teenager. Ken and Danny Blanchflower had almost identical records during their short stays at Stamford Bridge. I think it needed someone like Geoff Hurst to take over with new ideas and plenty of enthusiasm.

So . . . it's Manchester United to win at Tottenham and Chelsea to beat Preston on Saturday . . . I hope!

Join me again in a fortnight,

Terry Yorath

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1977 BATTLE OF THE GIANTS Manchester Utd v. Liverpool
1977 LEAGUE CUP FINAL Villa's Hat-trick.
1976 UEFA CUP Liverpool v. Bruges
1976 FA CUP FINAL Super Saints
1976 LEAGUE CUP FINAL Man. City v. Newcastle
1976 KINGS OF SCOTLAND Rangers v. Hearts
1975 F.A. CUP FINAL Hail To The Hammers!
1975 LEAGUE CUP FINAL Viva! The Villa!
1974 F.A. CUP FINAL Liverpool's Cup
1974 LEAGUE CUP FINAL Wonderful Wolves!
1973 F.A. CUP FINAL Sunderland's Cup
1973 LEAGUE CUP FINAL Spurs v. Norwich
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1972 LEAGUE CUP FINAL Salute to Stoke!
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'Ailing Port Vale will recover'

declares manager
ALAN BLOOR

THE footballing career of Alan Bloor, Port Vale's new manager is, to use his own words, pretty simple. "I signed for Stoke City when I was 15," he says, "and left them when I was 35. I came to Vale Park to join former boss Dennis Butler as youth team manager — in charge of the reserves and the youth team policy."

Now, at 36, the former defender is all set to launch himself on another mammoth stay.

"I'm Stoke born and bred and I want to continue living in the Potteries," he says.

"I don't want to do well with Port Vale and then move on somewhere else. I want to achieve success and end my career here."

Alan was initially appointed as caretaker manager after the early season sacking of Butler.

"It came after the first five or six matches," he says. "We'd lost them all and the board probably thought it was time for a change.

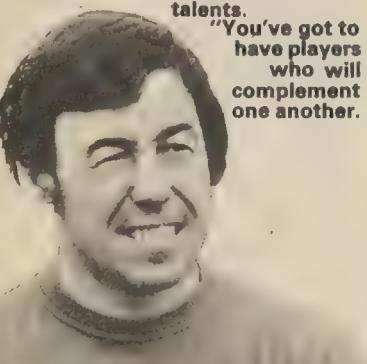
'Extraordinary'

"I took over for our game at Peterborough and we lost 1-0. The following match we beat Crewe 2-0 at home, our first win of the season. Then came a spell of extraordinary results where we beat Northampton 5-0, lost 2-1 to Bradford City, took a 7-1 battering at Huddersfield and won 5-1 against Rochdale. So it was a topsy-turvy time. I was actually made permanent manager after the Huddersfield trouncing!

"I was very pleased to get the job. A lot of hard work has been done so far and it's going to get tougher in future. We've a long way to go, but I'm enjoying it.

"We've got capable footballers, but the Fourth Division needs one or two strong men. A midfield player who can win tackles is a priority so that the others with ability to play football can use their talents.

"You've got to have players who will complement one another.



GORDON BANKS



"We've got a midfield and they're good, but not one of them can win the ball.

"I also need a back-four player and a striker. If we can get the right three players to join the club, then we'll be sailing. But there again most managers are saying if only ...

"Even so, we're on the look out. We've already snapped up Paul Bowles, a centre-half from Crewe.

"We've a professional staff of about 24 and a first team pool of 15. It's not easy, especially if a couple of players get injured in the positions that aren't covered.

"Our gates are averaging around the 3,000 mark and really the supporters are tremendous. If we can string a few results together, then we can possibly attract between five and seven thousand. When Bradford City came we almost touched 5,000, which isn't bad considering our position in the League.

'Confidence'

"I honestly feel we should be higher. The present players are good enough, but they just haven't got the confidence. Once they start to believe in themselves it will return, then the results should come.

"In reality there have only been three games this season where we've actually deserved to get beaten. We have this tendency to concede easy goals. If we can get out of that bad habit and tighten up all round, then we can prosper.

"We played at Walsall and apparently they said that we were the best team to visit Fellows Park this season and at the time they were fourth in the table and we only lost 2-1."

Alan hasn't got a number two to form a managerial duo. Instead he's opted for a trio.

"Gordon Banks is the coach and we've also got Les Shannon. He used to be at Blackpool and he's just returned from a spell in Greece. It's not a question of number one, number two, or anything like that. It's the three of us.

"If success means hard work, then the ailing Port Vale will get well again. We'll put the work in and hope it comes out right."

THREE years ago, Peter Cartwright made one of the biggest blunders in football.

An 18-year-old, just out of school, he was offered the chance of joining Brian Clough's new side at Nottingham Forest.

But the lad turned Clough down — in order to take up a job with Northumberland County Council!

Cartwright worked in the Highways Department — and he was busy sorting out routes for the council road sweepers when he got the call to go and speak to Newcastle United.

They'd watched him playing for North Shields and were impressed

enough to invite him along.

He says: "The council were good enough to let me go straight down to St James' Park and an hour after the phone call came in, I'd signed.

"I know now it was a mistake to turn Forest down and I thought I'd blown my chance of professional football for good. So when Newcastle came in for me, I almost bit their hand off."

Even so, it's been quite an adjustment for the midfield player, who has played an important part in Newcastle's bright start to the season.

"I still find it hard at times, although I'm used to training every

PETER CARTWRIGHT

The lad who turned down Brian Clough



day now. With North Shields, it was only two nights a week.

"Another problem was I used to watch players like Terry Hibbitt and Peter Withe from the terraces and I was a bit overawed when I found myself playing in the same side as them.

"The night after I signed, the phone at home rang five times — all reporters wanting to know something about me. In the end, I took the phone off the hook."

The way Cartwright has settled into the Newcastle first team offers encouragement to other players in non-League sides who believe they could do a job with a League team.

"I think the scouts have begun to realise that there's a lot of talent that they've been missing.

"Alan Shoulder came to St James' a year ago at the age of 25 and ever since, the scouts have been diving in among the Northern League teams looking for talent.

"I think there are a lot more players out there, but plenty of them are happy where they are.

"They've got a full time job and they're quite content just to pick up a few extra quid playing on Saturdays.

"I regretted not signing for Forest soon afterwards when I realised that life with the council wasn't all that exciting.

"Now I've got another chance. And I'm loving every minute of it."

LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

Saturday, Nov 3

(Continued)

First Division

MAN. UTD. (1) 1 (Macari)

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 50,215
Man Utd.: Bailey, Nicholl, Houston, McIlroy, Moran, Buchan, Grimes, Wilkins, Coppell, Macari, Thomas.

Southampton: Wells, Hebbard, Peach, Williams, Andruszewski, Waldron, Baker (Hayes), Boyer, Channon, George, Holmes.

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0

TOTTENHAM (0) 0 20,079
Middlesbrough: Platt, Criggs, Peters, Johnston, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Burns (Cochrane), Proctor, Hodgson, Jankovic, Armstrong.
Tottenham: Aleksic, Hughton, McAllister, Yorath, Smith, Perryman, Ardiles, Jones, Armstrong, Hoddle, Villa.

NORWICH (0) 0

EVERTON (0) 0 18,349
Norwich: Keelan, Bond, Downs, McGuire, Brown, Powell, Goble, Evans (Nightingale), Fashanu, Padden, Peters.

Everton: Wood, Gidman, Bailey, Lyons, Higgins, Ross, Stanley, Wright, Latchford, Kidd, King.

NOTTM FOREST (0) 2 (Francis 2)

IPSWICH (0) 0 24,593
Nottm Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, Francis, O'Hare, Birches (Mills), Woodcock, Robertson.
Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Butcher, Thijssen, Osman, Beattie, Wark, Muhran (Turner), Mariner, Mills, Gates.

OLDHAM (1) 1 (Clements)

NEWCASTLE (0) 0 11,486
Oldham: McDonnell, Wood, Blair, Hilton, Clements, Holt, Valentine, Halom, Keegan, Atkinson, Stainrod.

Newcastle: Hardwick, Brownlie, Mitchell, Martin, Barton (Davies), Boam, Shoulder, Walker, Withe, Rafferty, Cartwright.



Nottingham Forest's Trevor Francis.

PRESTON (1) 1 (Elliott)

CHARLTON (1) 1 (Walker) 9,950
Preston: Tunks, Taylor, Wilson, Burns, Baxter, Blackley, Bell, Haslegrave, Elliott, Potts, Bruce.
Charlton: Johns, Campbell, Madden, Tydeman, Hazell, Berry, Powell, Wilson, Robinson, Walker, Gritt.

SHREWSBURY (0) 2 (Dungworth, Keay)
SWANSEA (1) 2 (Hayes o.g., Craig)

9,815
Shrewsbury: Wardle, Hayes, Larkin, Atkins, Griffin, Keay, Chapman (Biggins), Tong, Maguire, Dungworth, Cross.
Swansea: Letheran, Evans, Rushbury, Phillips, Stevenson, Charles, Attley (Waddle), Mahoney, James, Craig, Callaghan.

SUNDERLAND (1) 2 (Arnott, Gilbert)

CHELSEA (1) 1 (Johnson) 24,988
Sunderland: Siddall, Whitworth, Bolton, Clarke, Elliott, Hindmarch, Arnott, Gilbert, Brown, Robson (Rowell), Dunn.
Chelsea: Borota, Locke, Wilkins, Bumstead, Droy (Walker), Chivers, Britton, Fillery, Langley, Johnson, Harris.

WATFORD (0) 1 (Pollard)

LEICESTER (0) 3 (Smith 2, 1 pen, Peake) 14,743
Watford: Steele, How, Harrison, Booth, Sims, Garner, Pollard, Blissett, Mercer, Train, Rostron.

Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Rose, Peake, May, Welsh, Lineker, Henderson, Young, Kelly, Smith.
WEST HAM (0) 1 (Pike)

WREXHAM (0) 0 20,595
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Holland, Allen, Pike, Cross, Devonshire (Lansdowne), Neighbour.

Wrexham: Davies, Hill, Dwyer, Davis, Jones, Giles, Fox, Cartwright, Edwards, McNeill, Buxton (Roberts I).
CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Biley)

LUTON (0) 2 (Hatton, Moss pen.) 8,104
Cambridge: Webster, Turner, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, O'Neill, Biley, Spriggs, Christie, Gibbins, Murray (Finney).

Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Price, Saxby, Donaghy, Hill, West, Grealish, Stein, Hatton, Moss.

CARDIFF (3) 3 (Bishop 2, Buchanan)

NOTTS CO (1) 2 (Blockley, Hunt) 8,341
Cardiff: Healey, Thomas, Sullivan, Campbell, Pontin, Dwyer, Bishop, Buchanan (Stevens), Moore, Ronson, Lewis.

Notts Co: Leonard, Richards, O'Brien, Hunt, Stubbs, Blockley, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks (Christie), Benjamin, Mair.

FULHAM (1) 2 (Davies, Lock pen.)

BIRMINGHAM (2) 4 (Gemmill pen, Givens 2, Lock o.g.) 8,243
Fulham: Digweed, Peters (Kitchen), Strong, Bullivant, Money, Gale, Marinello, Beck, Guthrie, Lock, Davies.

Birmingham: Wealands, Todd, Dennis, Curshley, Gallagher, Towers, Ainscow, Evans, Givens, Gemmill, Johnston.

Third Division

BRENTFORD (1) 2 (Smith 2)

READING (1) 2 (Heale, Earles) 10,010
Brentford: Bond, Salman, Tucker, McNichol, Kruse, Fraser, Carlton, Graham (Alder), Smith, Holmes (L), Phillips.

Reading: Death, Hetzke, White, Bowman, Kearny, Morello, Earles, Alexander (Shipperley), Heale, Sanchez, Wanklyn.

BURY (2) 2 (Johnson pen, Madden)

PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Trusson) 2,641
Bury: Forrest, Ritson, Halford, Howard, Waldron, Whitehead, Mullen, Madden, Johnson, Wilson, Hilton.

Plymouth: Crudgington, James, McNeill, Bason, Foster, Phillipson-Masters (Trusson), Hodges, Sims, Kemp, Randell, Harrison.

CARLISLE (1) 4 (Banpon, Staniforth, Ludlam 2)

SOUTHEND (0) 0 3,744
Carlisle: Swinburne, Hoolickin, Winstanley, MacDonald, Beardsley, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Bannon (Ludlam), Hamilton, Staniforth.

Southend: Cawston, Dudley, Moody, Hadley, Nelson, Stead, Morris, Pountney, Tuohy (Hult), Gray, Orlakowski.

CHESTER (0) 3 (Rush, Walker, Storton)

WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Walker o.g.) 2,891
Chester: Millington, Raynor, Walker, Storton, Cottam, Oakes, Sutcliffe, Jeffries, Rush, Phillips, Henderson.

Wimbledon: Goddard, Eames, Jones, Galliers, Bowgett, Cunningham, Lewington, Parsons, Leslie (Denny), Cork, Dziadulewicz.

CHESTERFIELD (0) 2 (Salmons, Crawford)

MANSFIELD (0) 0 7,601
Chesterfield: Tingay, Tatt, O'Neill, Ridley, Green, Kowalski, Birch, Moss, Walker, Salmons, Crawford.

Mansfield: Arnold, Dawkins, Wood, Hamilton, Bird, McClelland, Latham, Taylor, Austin, Mann, Allen.



Phil Walker of Charlton.

EXETER (0) 1 (Forbes)

GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Ford, Hatch o.g.) 4,356
Exeter: O'Keefe, Mitchell, Hatch, Hore, Giles, Forbes, Neville, Rogers (P), Bowker, Delve, (Ireland), Pullar.

Grimbsy: Batch, Stone, Moore (K), Waters, Wiggington, Crombie, Brolly, Ford, (Liddell), Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.

GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Sharpe)

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (McEwan) 6,518
Gillingham: Hillyard, Sharpe, Barker, Overton, Weatherly, Crabbe, Nicholl, Bruce, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

Blackpool: Hesford, Malone, Pashley, Doyle, Ashurst, McEwan, Kerr, Kellow, Spence, Smith, Weston.

MILLWALL (0) 1 (Chatterton pen)

BLACKBURN (0) 0 6,389
Millwall: Jackson, Donaldson, Kinsella, Chatterton, Tagg, Blyth, Towner, Seasman, Mehmet, (Coleman), Lyons, Mitchell.

Blackburn: Arnold, Branagan, Morley, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherton, Metcalf, Craig, McKenzie, (Garner), Crawford.

ROTHERHAM (0) 0

OXFORD (1) 2 (Foley 2) 4,365
Rotherham: Mountford, Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Green, Gooding, McEwan, Gwyther, Fern, Finney.

Oxford: Burton, Taylor, Fogg, Briggs, Stott, Jeffrey, Graydon, Duncan, Foley, Berry, Hodgson.

SHEFF WED. (0) 0

BARNESLEY (0) 2 (Riley, Lester) 32,230
Sheff Wed: Cox, Johnson, Grant, Smith, Mulien, Leman, Fleming, (Mellor), Porterfield, Lowey, King, Curran.

Barnsley: Springett, Flavell, Collins, Glavin, Hunter, McCarthy, Banks, Clarke, Riley, Lester, Pugh.

SWINDON (2) 3 (Rowland 2, Tucker)

SHEFF UTD. (0) 2 (Speight, McPhail) 11,835
Swindon: Allan, Templeman, Lewis, McHale, Tucker, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Rowland, Mayes, (Bates), Williams.

Sheff Utd: Conroy, Moore, Tibbott, Kenworthy, McPhail, Speight, de Goey, Bourne, Butlin, Jones, Garner.

Fourth Division

ALDERSHOT (0) 0

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Fletcher, Robins) 5,271

Aldershot: Johnson, Scott, Wooler, Dixon, Bennett, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Shanahan, Needham, (Green), Tomlin.

Huddersfield: Starling, Brown, Robinson, Stanton, Sutton, Topping, Laverick, Hart, Fletcher, Robins, Cowling.

BOURNEMOUTH (2) 4 (Holder, Chambers, Butler, MacDougall)

ROCHDALE (0) 0 3,188
Bournemouth: Allen, Cunningham, Ferns, Impey, Townsend, Chambers, Holder, Borthwick, Miller, MacDougall, Butler.

Rochdale: Watson, Cliff, Snookes, Waldron, Taylor, Weir, Esser, Wann, Seal, Jones, Hilditch, (Hoy).

CREWE (0) 2 (Guy 2)

BRADFORD C (0) 0 2,952
Crewe: Felgate, Wilkinson, Bowers, Hunter, Scott, Proppet, McMahon, Guy, Chesters, Nelson, Coyne.

Bradford: Smith, Podd, Watson, Wood, Baines, Cooper, Bates, Dolan, (Jones), Staniforth, McNiven, Robertson.

HALIFAX (0) 0

TRANMERE (0) 0 2,181
Halifax: Kilner, Dunleavy, Hutt, Goodman, Harris, Hendrie, Geimintis, Kennedy, Mountford, Firth, Burke.

Tranmere: Johnson, Mathias, Flood, Bramhall, Edwards, Evans, O'Neill, Craven, Kerr, Kelly, Peplow.

NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Sandercock)

DONCASTER (0) 0 3,427
Northampton: Poole, Walker, Sandercock, Byatt, Waldcock, Farrington, Denyer, Townsend, Reilly, Sargent, Farmer.

Doncaster: Peacock, Russell, Snodin, Lister, Dowd, Lally, Pugh, Nimmo, Warboys, Lewis, Bentley, (Flanagan).

PETERBOROUGH (2) 3 (Kellock, Parkinson, Cliss)

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Saunders) 4,681
Peterborough: Waugh, McVay, Phillips, Guy, Carmichael, Foster, Quow, Kellock, Cliss, Parkinson, Robson,

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Barnsley's Peter Springett punches clear to thwart a Sheffield Wednesday attack.

LINCOLN: Grotier, Carr, Neale, Watson, Saunders, Peake, Hobson, Hubbard, Harford, Cunningham, Cockerill.

PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Garwood, Brisley)
HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Newton) 14,295
Portsmouth: Mellor, McLaughlin, Styles, Brisley, Aizlewood, Ellis, Garwood, Laidlaw, Henneman, (Davey), Bryant, Rogers.
Hartlepool: Burleigh, Sweeney, Normanton, Lawrence, Carr, Ayre, Linacre, Houchen, Newton, Harding, Loadwick.

PORT VALE (1) 2 (Farrell, Jones)
NEWPORT (0) 0 2,980
Port Vale: Dance, Keenan, Bentley, Beech, Bowles, Sproson, Woolfall, Farrell, Wright, Jones, Healy.
Newport: Plumley, Walden, Relish, Davies, Oakes, Bailey, Vaughan, Lowndes, Tynan, Aldridge, Bruton (M).

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
TORQUAY (1) 1 (Murphy) 1,868
Scunthorpe: Gordon, Davy, Peacock, Deere, Dell, Oates, O'Berg, Cammack, Green, Partridge, Keeley.
Torquay: Turner, Pethard, Ritchie, Larmour, Bourne, Sermann, Davies, Twitchin, Lawrence, Coffill, Murphy.

WIGAN (2) 4 (Charlton o.g. Quinn, Hinnigan 2)
DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Stalker) 5,001
Wigan: Brown, Fretwell, Hinnigan, Gore, Methven, Davids, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton, Quinn, Urquhart.
Darlington: Owens, Coleman, Cochrane, Ball, Bainbridge, (Taylor), Smith, McLean, Charlton, Stalker, Craig, Ellis.

YORK (2) 3 (Lorimer, Eccles, Randall)
HEREFORD (0) 1 (McGrellis) 2,226
Yerk: Brown, Kamara, Kay, Stronach, Clements, James, (Ford), Randall, Lorimer, Eccles, McDonald, Wellings.
Hereford: Hughes, Price, Burrows, (White), Marshall, Cornes, Birchenall, Hendry, Spiring, McGrellis, Jones, Hunt.

Scottish Premier

ABERDEEN (0) 0
DUNDEE UTD (2) 3 (Pettigrew, Phillip, Bannon)
Aberdeen: Clark, Kennedy, Considine, McLeish, Garner, (Jarvie), Miller, Strachan, Archibald, Harper, (Davidson), McMaster, Scanlon.

DUNDEE UTD: McAlpine, Stark, Kopel, Phillip, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Sturrock, Pettigrew, (Dodds), Fleming, Payne.

DUNDEE (0) 2 (Millar, Fletcher)
HIBS (1) 1 (MacLeod pen.) 6,879
Dundee: Donaldson, Barr, Schaeffer, Miller, Glennie, McGeachie, Fletcher, McLaren, Price, Sinclair, Murphy.
Hibs: McArthur, Brazil, Duncan, Rae, Paterson, McNamara, MacLeod, Ward, (Campbell), Hutchinson, (Brown J.), Callacher, Higgins.

KILMARNOCK (1) 2 (Street, Gibson)
CELTIC (0) 0 18,000
Kilmarnock: McCulloch, McLean, Robertson, Clark, Clarke, McDicken, Gibson, Maxwell, Bourke, Mauchlen, Street.
Celtic: Latchford, Sneddon, McGrain, Aitken, McDonald, MacLeod, Provan, Sullivan, McAdam, (Conroy), Burns, Doyle, (Edvaldsson).

MORTON (0) 0
ST. MIRREN (0) 0 7,000
Morton: Baines, Hayes, McLaughlin, Orr, Anderson, Miller, Hutchinson, Thomson, McNeill (Scott), Russell, Ritchie.
St. Mirren: Thomson, Young, Munro, Richardson, Fulton, Copland, Bone, Stark, Somner, Abercrombie, Weir.

RANGERS (2) 2 (Urquhart 2)
PARTICK (0) 1 (Jardine) 17,000
Rangers: McCloy, Jardine, Forsyth (A), Stevens, Jackson (Smith), Watson, Miller, MacDonald (A), Johnstone, Urquhart (MacDonald J), Cooper.
Partick: Rough, Jardine (MacDonald), Whitaker, Campbell, Marr (Wilson), Anderson, Doyle, Gibson, O'Hara, Melrose, Love.

AIRDRIE (1) 1 (Clark)
HAMILTON (0) 0 3,000
BERWICK (0) 0
HEARTS (0) 0 2,653
CLYDE (1) 3 (Doylan, O'Neill, Hood)
AYR (3) 3 (Connor, Christie, Morris) 1,200
DUMBARTON (0) 1 (Sharp)
CLYDEBANK (0) 0 1,200
DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 (Robertson)
RAITH (0) 0 3,529
MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (McLaughlin)
STIRLING (0) 0 2,046
ST. JOHNSTONE (0) 3 (Rutherford, Brogan, Lawson)
ARBROATH (0) 0 2,030

Scottish Second

ALBION (1) 5 (Campbell 2, Leishman, Houston, Dickson)
FORFAR (0) 0 370

BRECHIN (2) 4 (Campbell, Donald 3)
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (McCoy) 300

E. FIFE (1) 2 (Wedderburn, Brown)
MEADOWBANK (0) 2 (Wight, Davidson) 695

E. STIRLING (0) 0
COWDENBEATH (0) 1 (Marshall) 500

MONTROSE (2) 2 (Murray, Daun)
ALLOA (0) 0 380

STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 2 (McCabe, Brisbane)
QoS (1) 1 (Bryce) 300

STRANRAER (1) 1 (McCUTCHEON)
FALKIRK (2) 2 (Brown, Leetion) 750

Sunday, November 4

League of Ireland

ATHLONE TOWN (1) 3 (Wyse, Clarke, Whelan (pen))

SHELBOURNE (0) 0
Athlone Town: Smyth; Feniuk, Whelan, Fullam, Smith, O'Connor, McCue, Clarke, Davis, Wyse, Devlin.

Shelbourne: Byrne; Higgins, Last, Moody, Ryan, Hannon, Buggle, Delamere, Donovan (Nugent), Dillon, Cleary.



Kilmarnock's Eobby Street

CORK UNITED (0) 1 (Madden)
DROGHEDA UNITED (1) 2 (Freaney, Clarke)

Cork United: Ludzic; Neiland (B), Sheehan, Keane, Neiland (P), Waters (Allen), Punch, Morley, Lane (J) (Madden), Murphy, Lane (R).
Drogheda United: Forrestal; Campbell, Ferguson, Byrne, Cameron, Martin, Leech, Freaney, Clarke, Tuite, Carthy.

DUNDALK (0) 0

WATERFORD (0) 0
Dundalk: Blackmore; McConville, Lawlor Martin, Keeley, Dunning, Flanagan (Daly), Lawlor Mick, Devine, Muckian, Byrne, Dainty.

Waterford: Thomas; Keane Tony, Gardiner, Finucane, Carey, Jackson, Murray, Madigan, Flanagan, McCarthy, Kearie Tommy.

HOME FARM (1) 1 (Thomas)

GALWAY ROVERS (1) 2 (Cassidy 2)
Home Farm: Finnerty; Maher, Ryan, Breslin, Brady, Williams, Neville, King, O'Neill (Archbold), Thomas, McCluskey (O'Connor).
Galway Rovers: Lally; Herrick, McDaid, Sheehan, Murphy, Cooke, Gaynor, Mannion (Quinlivan), Cassidy, Collins, Nolan.

LIMERICK UNITED (0) 1 (Morris)

FINN HARPS (0) 0
Limerick United: Fitzpatrick; Ryan, Mullally, Storan, O'Mahony, Nolan, Hand, Walsh, Morris, Kennedy, Duggan.

Finn Harps: McDermott; Ferry, Sheridan, McDowell, Monagle, Duffy, Logan, McLoughlin (C), McGroarty, Minnock, McLoughlin (J).

SHAMROCK ROVERS (1) 3 (Gannon, Byrne, Treacy (pen))

ST PATRICK'S ATHLETIC (0) 1 (Kirwan)

Shamrock Rovers: O'Neill; Mulligan, Burke, Synott, O'Leary, Meagan (Bayly), Gannon, Geffney, Byrne, Treacy, Buckley.

St Patrick's Athletic: O'Brien; Browning, Munnely, Malone, Murphy, Hickey (Rogers), Carthy, Hynes, Jameson, O'Donnell, Kirwan.

SLIGO ROVERS (0) 2 (Hulmes, O'Doherty (D))

BOHEMIANS (0) 1 (Whelan)
Sligo Rovers: Patterson; Fielding, O'Doherty (D), Fagan, Rutherford, Stenson, McLoughlin, Patton, Bradley, O'Doherty (G) (Sheridan), Hulmes.

Bohemians: Davis; Gregg, Brady, Kelly (Joyce), Burke, Whelan, Lawless, McCormack, Byrne, O'Riordan, Eviston.

UCD (0) 0

THURLES TOWN (2) 2 (Steadman, Conway)

UCD: McCabe; Cassidy, McDonnell, Deeny, Fox, McGovern, Scully, Drury (Doyle), Dignam (Gough), Moran, McDonagh.

Thurles Town: Dunne; Doran, O'Brien, Tierney (Seymour), McQuaid, Heffernan, Conway, Lawson, Steedman, Humphries, Jenkins.

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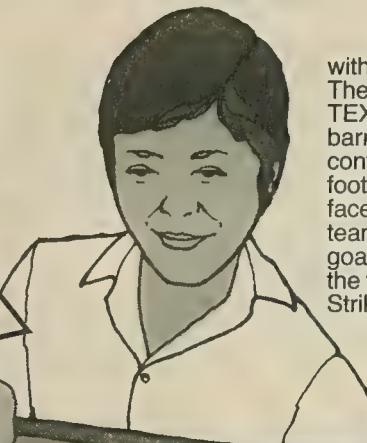
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DEMON DRIVER

IT'S A
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ABERDEEN will celebrate their 100th birthday in 2003. It is quite apt to start with that fact because if ever there was a club geared to the future then it is the scarlet-shirted Dons.

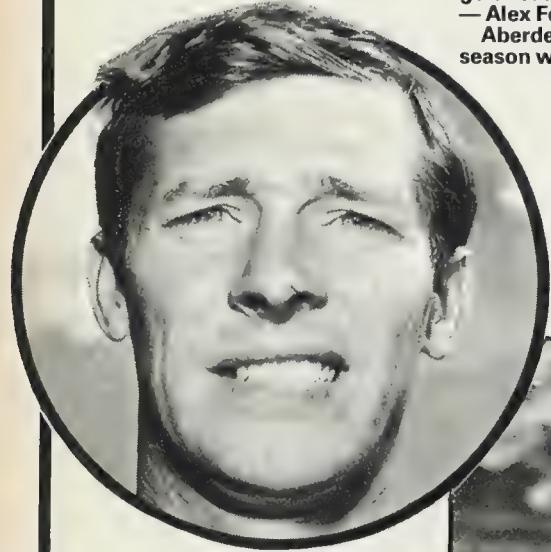
Their Pittodrie stadium was the first in Scotland to become all-seated and the fans will soon be under cover at every part of the ground. Aberdeen are looking ahead and no one can accuse them of dragging their feet.

They are looking to the day when football will arouse the interest of all the family. They are looking at football as a big business. But, first and foremost, they are looking at the game as an entertainment, something to be enjoyed by everyone.

That is the main aim of the club who have never quite received the accolades or the honours they undoubtedly deserve.

They won the League in 1954 and have been runners-up numerous times. The Scottish Cup has come their way on two occasions while they have lifted the League Cup three times.

Possibly some clubs might be



satisfied with that haul, but it certainly doesn't keep Aberdeen happy.

When Ally MacLeod, as controversial and extrovert as ever, took over the club four years ago he said: "Let's forget about Aberdeen being the oil-boom city. I want it to become the soccer-boom city."

He showed he meant business when his new club defeated Celtic in extra-time of the League Cup Final in his first full season. The Dons had walloped Rangers 5-1 in the Semi-Final and then scrambled a 2-1 victory over the Parkhead men.

The club was certainly going in the right direction. Things were looking good . . . and then MacLeod left the club to take over the Scottish managerial post. It was never quite the same for MacLeod after that, but it didn't interrupt Aberdeen's plans.

They brought ex-Celt Billy McNeill to Pittodrie and in his first season they were the most unlucky team in Scotland. They were pipped by one point by Rangers in the race for the Premier Division title and also slumped to a 2-1 defeat from the Ibrox men in

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

ABERDEEN Family Club

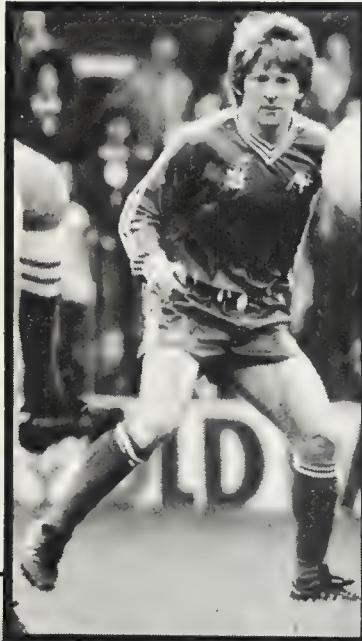
the Scottish Cup Final.

Aberdeen took another blow on the chin when McNeill and his assistant John Clark informed them they would be going back to first love Celtic at the start of last season.

No one could have blamed The Dons for going down for the count this time, but they bounced right back and appointed another go-ahead young man as their boss — Alex Ferguson from St. Mirren.

Aberdeen's League form last season was erratic. They

Manager Alex Ferguson (left). Gordon Strachan (right) has captured the attention of envious English First Division clubs, but Ferguson insists that he is building for the future and will not allow his best men to leave Pittodrie. Bearded winger Ian Scanlon (below) takes the ball past Hibernian's Ally Brazil on his way to goal.



combined the wonderful with the woeful, but still did enough to get to the League Cup Final where Rangers were again their opponents.

Luck deserted them once more and after opening the scoring through Duncan Davidson they eventually lost 2-1 with Colin Jackson netting the winner in the last minute.

Aberdeen, however, got some sort of revenge with a 5-1 aggregate victory over their Ibrox rivals in the same tournament this season. The Dons, then, have proved they are not quitters. They believe they should be a successful club and at the moment they are doing everything to hold on to their best players.

Intention

In the past, players such as Jimmy Smith, Tommy Craig, Martin Buchan, Zoltan Varga, Steve Murray, Willie Young and Joe Harper (later to return) have been allowed to leave the club. However, Alex Ferguson has no intention of allowing the soccer brain drain to continue.

English clubs have cast envious glances at Steve Archibald, Alex McLeish and Gordon Strachan recently, but the Pittodrie boss has told them politely to take their interest elsewhere.

He is building a team for the future. Any mistakes that have been made are going to stay firmly in the past.

Now, Aberdeen plan a future hopefully as golden as that of the precious North Sea oil which has guaranteed the prosperity of the city.

ABERDEEN



Back row (left to right): Ian Scanlon, Doug Considine, Willie Garner, Alex McLeish, Bobby Clark, Steve Archibald, Mark McGhee, Neil Cooper, Doug Bougie
Front row: Joe Harper, John McMaster, Drew Jarvis, Willie Miller, Gordon Strachan, Dom Sullivan (now Celtic), Duncan Davidson, Stuart Kennedy

SHOOT!

Mick Channon, back home with Southampton, in action against Coventry City's Mick Coop at The Dell.



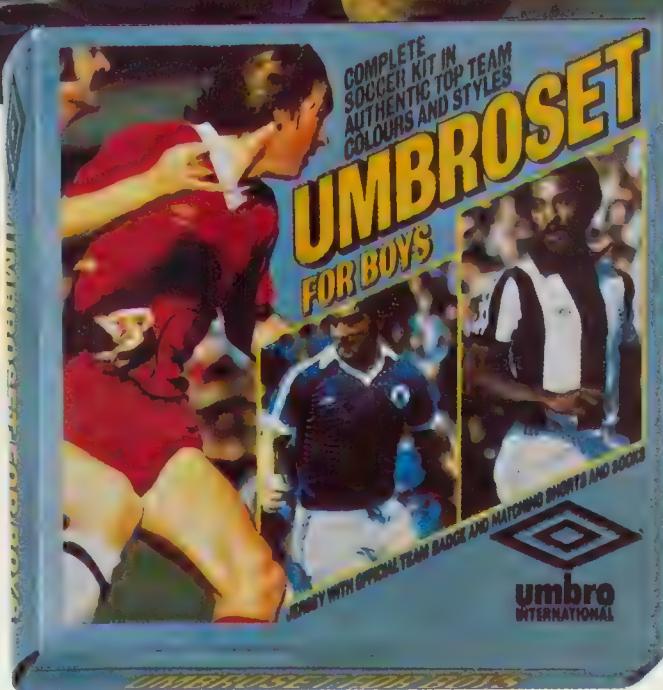
Which team do you support?
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Wolverhampton Wanderers, Stoke City,
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With no other player close by, an attacker scores with an overhead kick. Should you award: (a) a goal-kick, (b) an indirect free-kick, or (c) a goal?



3

A goalkeeper deliberately pulls down the crossbar to prevent a goal. Should you: (a) caution him or (b) send him off the field?



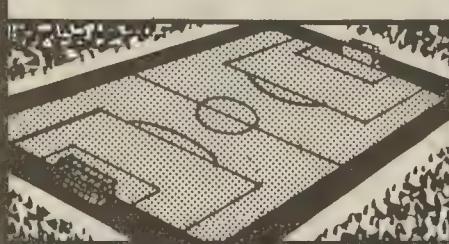
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A corner-kick is taken and the goalkeeper pushes an opponent who is obstructing his view. The ball then goes out of play for a throw-in. Should you award: (a) a throw-in, (b) caution the 'keeper and retake the corner or (c) a penalty-kick?



5

What is the minimum and maximum length of a football pitch? (a) 90 yards — 120 yards, (b) 95 yards — 125 yards or (c) 100 yards — 130 yards.



ANSWERS

1. A goal (c). 2. Award a penalty (b). 3. Caution him (a). You will see a number of goalkeepers in the Football League, when jumping up for the ball, catching the crossbar, always tell them they must not do this otherwise I will caution them as they can bring the middle of the bar down by two or three inches. 4. Award a penalty-kick (c).

2

You are just blowing your whistle to end a match when a defender catches the ball inside his penalty-area. Should you: (a) end the match or (b) award a penalty?



NEIGHBOUR FEELS AT HOME WITH WEST HAM

CHINGFORD born Jimmy Neighbour came home to West Ham this season, with something to prove to the football world — and himself. Neighbour joined West Ham from Norwich City in a £140,000 deal which brought a revealing comment from former boss John Bond.

Bond, always a man to produce a frank assessment, said: "It was a sad day for me. But I have the feeling Jimmy never quite achieved what he might have done with us. Nevertheless, I'm very sad to see him go."

Neighbour thought about his previous manager's words and said: "I would say that is fair comment. I had my ups and downs at Norwich. I had three lovely years there and really enjoyed everything about it; the place, the home we had, the club and the team. It was a smashing set-up and no player could ask for anything better.

'Fate'

"I did well sometimes and not so well at other times. I don't know why. I am the sort of player who doesn't know whether he is going to play well or not on a particular day. It seems to be something I am unable to control. I rely on my skill and ability; I'm not a real tackler or runner who can determine his own fate. If you're like that, you only need to get stuck in. But I'm different, and I suppose the harsh fact is that some days I cannot do it, whoever I am playing for. If my skills aren't working for me or the ball isn't running for me, I have nothing else to fall back on."

It's not often you will find any player being so frank in assessing his own failings. And it's even more unusual to hear self criticism from a player who has recently figured in a big money transfer deal.

Neighbour spent the summer in America playing for Seattle Sounders and said: "I played ever so well out there, I was really pleased with what I did. I came back looking forward to a good season here and even though I have changed clubs, I don't think I need change my mind about that."

"I wouldn't have left Norwich season."



and the First Division for many clubs in the lower Leagues. In fact, West Ham was just about the only one I would have gone to. I know all about them because I was born at nearby Chingford so I'm really returning home, coming to Upton Park.

"It's a fine set-up just like Norwich in that it's so friendly.

"I knew West Ham had been after me for a while, even last season at Norwich. So it wasn't a complete shock when I was told they had made another bid. John Bond turned them down last season but clearly had a change of heart and said I could go.

"I believe West Ham could have won promotion last season but for the serious injury to Trevor Brooking at a crucial stage. I'm sure we will go up this time because we have some fine players. Stuart Pearson, Ray Stewart . . . players like that will make a big difference. And there is no one to touch Trevor Brooking when he is fit."

Neighbour, of course, had been with a London club before he joined Norwich. He had spent ten years at Tottenham before going to East Anglia and he remembers very well his times at White Hart Lane. "I should have moved earlier than I did from there," he says. "I was in and out of the team and never looked like doing much after Terry Neill left. He gave me my chance and I had a good season under him. But when he left and Keith Burkinshaw took over, I was sold pretty soon. I was very disappointed at the time, I didn't want to leave."

"I'm 28 now and the next three or four years could see me at my peak. I want to iron out the inconsistency from my game and really do well here. I feel ever so excited about playing for West Ham and I'm sure we will have a good

This week's Star Letter comes from Joanne Ashley, of Henley-on-Thames, who wins our Special Prize of £5. She writes:

BAD LUCK — OR IS IT?

★ What has happened to Aston Villa? After the 1976/77 season, prospects were high; they were a young, successful side that had won the League Cup and finished fourth in the First Division.

It was a campaign that should have seen the beginning of a new era, but things went wrong. The team had nothing but bad luck, with injuries and comings and goings in the transfer market.

Compare these teams from 1977 and 1979: Burridge, Gidman, Robson, Phillips, Nicholl, Mortimer, Gray, Little, Deehan, Cropley, Carrodus.

Now: Rimmer, Gibson, Evans, McNaught, Pejic, Bremner, Mortimer, Cowans, Little, Geddis Swain.

Is it just bad luck that the team was forced to change so drastically? Perhaps other Villa fans can tell me.

• Villa now fall into the 'hard to beat' category, but the magic has gone with the sale of so many good players and the purchase of, shall I say, lesser players. Maybe Villa fans can tell us WHY so many players wanted to leave.

GOAL-LINES

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Des Bremner,
part of the new
look Villa.

Pleasure

As a Dundalk supporter, who had earlier seen trouble at the European Cup-tie with Linfield, I was delighted at the attitude of the Celtic fans who visited our town. They exchanged pennants, scarves and shook hands ... it was a pleasure to welcome them. Scotland — you can be proud of them.

THOMAS MULLEN,
DUNDALK.

• What a pleasure it is to print such a letter.

Unlucky Ipswich

In six seasons of European football from 1973, Ipswich Town have been eliminated five times without losing a tie.

This has happened twice by losing penalty-deciders and three times on the away-goals ruling, including this season's tie with

Grasshoppers: 0-0 and 1-1.

Has any other European team experienced as many miseries with these debatable rules? And isn't there a case for replays?

COLIN FOSTER
DUNFERMLINE.

• With the already crowded fixture list we're lucky to see European soccer, let alone replays. I sympathise with Ipswich, but the rules are the same for everyone.

Pen-pal

I'm an 11-year-old Australian and I'd like to correspond with pen-pals in England. My favourite teams are West Brom and Spurs.

TONY GODDARD,
122 VIRGIL AVE YOKINE,
PERTH,
W.A. 6060,
AUSTRALIA.

Disgust

I AM writing to show my disgust at Manchester City fans. A pathetic crowd of 8,000 turned up for Joe Corrigan's testimonial. Joe has been a loyal servant and to repay him in this way is awful.

PAUL HITCHEN,
PENKETH.

• It's even worse when you consider 2,000 of those fans got in free as members of the Junior Blues club. Shame on all those stay-away City supporters.

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MUCH-TRAVELED goal ace Alan Warboys is back where his career began 14 years ago — with Doncaster Rovers in his native South Yorkshire.

But although he is still wearing the number nine shirt befitting a man who has cracked in over 120 League goals for seven clubs he is operating at centre-half these days. And doing well.

His manager, Billy Bremner, explains: "Our rise up the Fourth Division table is due in no small measure to Alan's skill and experience at the heart of our defence."

"I bought him during the summer when I was looking for a striker. I came to have a high regard for him when we were team-mates at Hull City and I knew he would do a good job for us."

"However, soon after the start of the season I found I had defensive problems and Alan volunteered to help out."

Warboys, a well-built, 30-year-old six-footer, has undertaken the defensive role on the condition that as soon as his boss has found a centre-half he will switch the striker back to his normal position.

"I wouldn't have moved back into defence for anyone but Billy Bremner," he insists. "But he's made such a difference to this club it's the least I can do."

"He always puts the club first so my gesture pales into insignificance compared with his efforts. I honestly believe that Doncaster Rovers will go places with him in charge. Nothing's too much trouble for him and he has the players eating out of his hand. They'll do anything he asks of them."

"They all knew of his reputation as a skilful, fiery schemer with Leeds and Scotland. Now they know he brings the same qualities to his present job. He's a players' manager and I can't think of higher praise than that. He's infected everyone with his enthusiasm."

"He's worked wonders with young players like midfielders Daryl Pugh and Steve Lister and young full-backs Glyn Snodin and Bill Russell, blending them with experienced men like myself."



A Rovers Return for ALAN

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"I seem to have been on the move ever since. But I wouldn't want anyone to think I'm disloyal. I never asked for a transfer."

"And I've always given 100 per cent effort and dedication to the club I happened to be with."

Billy Bremner testifies to that, saying: "I couldn't wish to have a keener player in my side. He's a wonderful team man."

That £12,500 fee he paid to Hull City last summer is beginning to look like a bargain.

Despite his willingness to put club before personal preference, Warboys "can't wait to return to the attack."

He says, "My natural inclination is to be in the opposition's penalty-area. Scoring goals is my driving force."

"And although I've scored a few this campaign — mainly from the penalty spot — they don't compensate for the satisfaction gained from pitting your wits against rival defenders."

"Having said that, I want to emphasise that I won't put the boss under any pressure to sign a defensive replacement for me."

"He's told me he is on the look-out for someone and I accept that. I wouldn't want him to think he had to sign someone just to get me off the hook."

"We're a Fourth Division club and must watch the money so I wouldn't want Billy to make a signing he might regret."

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New Lives for Old Stars



Roger Hunt

ALTHOUGH Roger Hunt was one of the unsung heroes of England's 1966 World Cup-winning team, he is still talked of in the same breath as Kenny Dalglish, Ian St. John and Kevin Keegan by the Liverpool fans.

Hunt, who won 34 caps for England and kept The Kop in raptures with his goalscoring talents, has been out of the game for seven years.

Now, the majority of his time is spent running the family road haulage business, supervising the transport of goods all over the country in the company's fleet of 11 lorries.

"I don't get much opportunity to get along to games nowadays, but I keep in touch with all my old mates at Liverpool," he says. "I am also on the pools panel, and as we have to meet on every Saturday after the start of November, the only 'live' football I get a chance to see is the occasional mid-week game."

"Last season, of course, we had a pretty hectic time on the panel, but it is nice to still have an interest within the game. Football today is much more of a team effort. There are fewer individuals than when I was playing, and the accent is on the all-rounder who doesn't just specialise in one job."

"I have many marvellous memories from my playing days. Winning the League Championship twice with Liverpool, and the F.A. Cup in 1965. Then, of course, there was the 1966 World Cup, and my testimonial night when 56,000 people turned up."



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IT WAS midnight in Transylvania, deep in Dracula country. The darkness of my hotel room was pierced by the wind howling outside.

I had drifted in and out of an uneasy sleep when I heard a faint noise at the door. There was someone outside.

I heard the handle turn and the door creak slowly open. In the half light of a dimly lit passage I saw the shadow of a menacing figure dressed in white.

The apparition started towards me arms outstretched. I stared into the gloom pulse racing, heart pounding with fear.

Was it Dracula come to feast himself on the blood of an Englishman? Had the Prince of Darkness risen from his grave to destroy the Forest team in his country to do battle with their soccer Champions Arges Pitesti?

No it wasn't... it was that blooming fool Garry Birtles, paying me back for revealing his nickname in SHOOT a couple of months ago.

Garry had a sheet draped over his shoulders, his face covered in talcum powder, and a pair of those plastic fangs in his mouth.

He looked so convincing I must admit I was a bit scared for a few moments until the muffled laughter of the rest of the lads let the vam-

pire out of the bag.

Mind you, we needed some cheering up on the trip to Rumania for our Second Round second-leg European Cup-tie.

Like most Iron Curtain countries I found the whole place depressing. The people were helpful enough, especially in our hotel, but no one seemed to laugh.

Pitesti itself, a two hour drive from the capital Bucharest, is also a drab place. The perfect setting for a Dracula movie.

The team visited a monastery and a castle but really we weren't too interested in sight-seeing. Forest had come to do a job... and we just wanted to get on with it and get home.

As you know Forest won the first leg 2-0, thanks to goals by Tony Woodcock and Garry Birtles.

Brian Clough stated at the Press conference after the match that he thought that two goal lead would be enough to take us through to the Quarter-Finals.

The lads were also quietly confident because we had missed so many chances against the Rumanians at the City Ground.

We expected a hostile reception in Pitesti and knew the contest would be physical because of the treatment their team had dished out in the first-leg.

In the opening minute of the game an elbow dug deep into Tony Woodcock's groin had Brian Clough leaping off his touch-line seat in protest.

Before the second-leg the boss had impressed upon us the importance of scoring an early goal to add to our score and put the pressure on our opponents.

Fortunately we followed orders... as early as the fifth minute a John Robertson corner was knocked down by Larry Lloyd to Ian Bowyer, who made yet another vital contribution to Forest's European ambitions by ramming the ball home from six yards.

We added a second 20 minutes later. Tony Woodcock beat the off-side trap and centred for "Dracula" Birtles to touch in from close range.

Those two goals really killed off Arges, but it didn't stop their crunching tackles. There might not be much blood-letting going on in Transylvania these days, but there was on the field that night.

The boss was so incensed I heard he had a right go at some of their players as they came off at half-time.

But Forest survived the onslaught to emerge the victors and a real credit to England.

Now we await our opponents in the Quarter-Finals as clear favour-



ites to retain the trophy we won last year.

Clubs such as Kevin Keegan's Hamburger SV, Ajax, Laurie Cunningham's Real Madrid and Celtic are also still in the competition so whoever we are drawn against it's going to be tough.

Forest have done well in Europe this season... it's a pity we haven't been able to maintain that form and consistency in our away matches in

'Count Birtles strikes again'



Garry Birtles (No. 9) turns after scoring Forest's second goal against Arges Pitesti. It was enough to ensure Forest's place in the last eight of the European Cup.





Osvaldo Ardiles bursts through the Forest defence at White Hart Lane. Spurs won 1-0. Forest have struggled away from home this season.

Peter Taylor.

Obviously any top manager would like to have 18 players of First Division standard at his disposal, but that's a tough order.

For a start, how do you keep that many players happy? Even paying them all top wages and the same bonuses wouldn't compensate for a career of mostly reserve team football.

I'll also take this opportunity of denying rumours the Forest team object to playing in testimonials at this stage of the season.

As you know we turned out at Plymouth for their manager Ellis Stuttard on the Monday following our game at Southampton. We are also due to visit non-League Gravesend next month to open their new floodlights.

Peter Shilton is a close pal of their manager and the boss agreed to take the team down to Kent.

Honestly the lads enjoy them. We would much rather play a game than train.

It's more interesting and gives you the chance to try out new ideas and put your game together.

After our 4-1 defeat at The Dell, playing at Plymouth allowed us to get that game out of our system. And we won — which always gives your confidence a boost at any level.

This Saturday (December 1st) Forest don't have to worry about travelling away . . . we face Arsenal at the City Ground.

We always seem to do well against The Gunners at our place, although they did beat us in the F.A. Cup at the City Ground last season to inflict our first home defeat since coming back to the First Division.

Forest won a hard-fought game 2-1 last season, fighting back from being 1-0 down at half-time.

I don't suppose it will be any easier this weekend against a side capable of being there or thereabouts at the end of the campaign.

We play another London side next week in the League Cup Fifth Round when we travel to West Ham.

Promotion prospects for The Hammers have improved over recent weeks so all at Forest are expecting yet another tough battle.

Bearing in mind our away form I'll be happy if we hold them at Upton Park . . . and deliver the coup de grace at our place, where Fangs are definitely what they used to be!

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity of wishing Tony Woodcock all the best following his transfer to FC Cologne. I'll be talking more about it in my next column.

the First Division.

A few days after our triumph in Rumania, we slumped 4-1 at Southampton. It was the first time we had conceded four goals in the League since winning promotion back to the First Division in 1976-77.

Obviously we are still working hard for each other, it's simply opponents raise their game in front of their own fans.

I know have you have to overcome these obstacles if you are to maintain the consistency to win the title . . . and we will.

I wouldn't like to take anything away from Southampton though. They were magic at The Dell, better

in every department than Forest on the day.

Critics say the pressure of the European Cup and journeys to places such as Rumania have affected the side, but that's not true.

There's no way we can use that as an excuse for our indifferent performances away from home.

We have also been criticised for not having a large enough first team squad. If players are injured or off form we haven't enough strength in depth to replace them.

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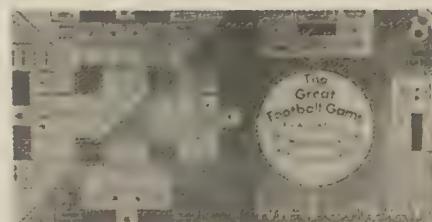
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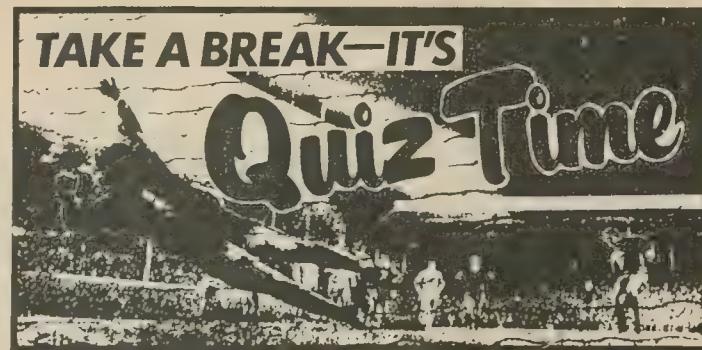


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- Which Chelsea stalwart has been granted a second testimonial by the club?
- Charlton Athletic, Cambridge United or Cardiff City have signed Danish striker Johnny Oostergaard from Ikast?
- Kevin Keegan turned down a transfer to which American club so he could still play for England?
- Fulham's Terry Bullivant (below) was transferred to which First Division club for £220,000?



- Frans Thijssen or Arnold Muhren of Ipswich was called into the Holland squad for the European Championship game against East Germany?
- Sunderland splashed out £300,000 for a North-East player ... can you name him and the club they bought him from?
- Nottingham Forest progressed to the Quarter-Final of the League Cup when they beat Bristol City or Bristol Rovers 2-0, 3-0 or 4-0 in a replay at the City Ground?
- Can you name the two uncapped players included in Ron Greenwood's England squad for the European Championship game against Bulgaria at Wembley last month?
- Which clubs won the Scottish Premier, First and Second Division Championships last season?



- Bob Latchford or Brian Kidd (above) scored a hat-trick for Everton in a 5-1 thrashing of Leeds at Goodison Park in a First Division game recently?



14. Did Charlie George feature for Southampton in their surprise 4-1 win against Nottingham Forest at The Dell on November 10th?

15. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name and club of a First Division goalkeeper ... OEJRRGCNOAI (NHRETM SACE TCYI).

16. Which former Liverpool star announced his retirement from the game through injury recently?

17. Did Bobby Robson's testimonial at Portman Road against an England XI attract a crowd of 3,284, 13,284 or 23,284?

18. Nottingham Forest's Tony Woodcock (left) was transferred to which West German club recently?

19. Chelsea's biggest gate of the season saw them beat West Ham on November 14th. Did Mike Fillery or Lee Frost score the winner?

20. Who is Morton's top goalscorer this season?

ANSWERS:

12. Which Arsenal youngster, playing his first full game of the season, scored two goals against Brighton in a League Cup replay at Highbury?

13. True or false? Gerry O'Rourke was in goal for Burnley when they were hammered 6-0 in a Second Division game this season?

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Alan Dicks' team is now starting to strike out for First Division honours after a lengthy spell of adaptation to the demands of top class football. And one man certain to figure prominently in Dicks' plans is Clive Whitehead.

The Birmingham-born utility player has really been around in his 23 years. Not so much around the country, for City is his only club. But very much around the side for versatile Whitehead has played in almost every department of the side . . . except goalkeeper.

Whitehead explains: "I began as a midfield player when I first joined the club. I'd played there at school and hadn't really thought about playing anywhere else. But then, when I joined Bristol City, they moved me to a winger and I really enjoyed it. I came to regard that as my natural position and I didn't revert back to midfield."

Whitehead, however, was only just starting out on his travels. He

Clive's

played on the wing for some time, using his speed to its greatest strength. Several top class defenders would testify to the pace and trickery of the City player. He, in fact, played on the wing for six years and never dreamed of making the switch to a First Division defender.

"But then I started out last season with an interest in playing at the back. I had a few games in the reserves when the boss said he didn't mind and I could try it to see how it went. I got the general idea of playing as a defender in those reserve games and then got back into the first team . . . as a defender.

"I trained as a full-back because the idea was to use my speed in breaks to support the attack. So at the start of this season, I was in the full-back role for our opening game against Leeds. But in the next match at Coventry, our regular central defender Dave Rodgers was out with a heel injury. So I moved across to play alongside Geoff Merrick — and I enjoyed that, too. But it was only a temporary measure because I reverted to full-back when Dave was fit again.

"The side has been shuffled around lately but I don't plan on any more moves.

"Goalkeeper? That's one position I don't think I could possibly play. Full-back is my favourite role. I feel I really have something to offer there because I can use my speed in attack and also defend, can take on the quickest wingers and keep up with them — and I have improved my defensive work, too.



Clive Whitehead, Bristol City's speedy man for all positions.

that. But now we feel we have built the right sort of solid foundations and perhaps we can look to open up more and explore new avenues.

"We drew with Manchester United and Crystal Palace, home and away, and we felt both sides, even though they were in good form at the time, were fortunate to get a point off us."

This is Bristol City's fourth season in Division One and Whitehead admits: "It has taken us a while to adapt and settle. But I get the feeling that we have come to the point where we have made ourselves known.

"It was a survival course at first but we believe we are past that now. We are looking towards the top half of the table and a place in Europe via the U.E.F.A. Cup at the end of this season. That would be great and I think we are capable of making it.

"It will be very difficult, though, because there are so many gifted sides in the First Division. The players are very talented, too, but from my point of view, I know what requirements I must meet in the full-back role.

happiest at the back

"The popular theory about Bristol City has been that we've been hard to break down and beat — but there isn't much flair or adventure in our play. Maybe that has been understandable because we have been adapting to First Division life — and it's not easy to do

"It's no good just attacking and forgetting all about defensive work. That is the first part of the job and is the most important. But the only way I will get experience of the position is by playing there. So I hope for a lengthy stay in this particular role."



Geoff Merrick, Whitehead's defensive partner, clears from Everton's Peter Eastoe.

THE FUN'S BACK IN FOOTBALL

SOME managers are encouraging defenders to express themselves more in League and Cup matches.

England manager Ron Greenwood says he wants the national side to play more football from the back. The accent in domestic and international matches is moving towards a greater spirit of adventure.

The trend is welcomed by players as well as fans.

Denis Smith, Stoke's experienced centre-half claims that he has been freed to express his talents more than at any time in his long career.

"For most of my career as a centre-half I have been looked upon as little more than a ball-winner, and it rankles with me that only in recent seasons have I been given the chance to show what I can do in the creative sense.

"On the evidence of English League and Cup matches I have seen so far this season, I don't think anyone can find much fault with the standard of the game in this country.

"Two managers who can take a lot of credit for the current trend are Crystal Palace's Terry Venables and Manchester City's Malcolm Allison. They are progressive, original thinkers whose teams are a joy to watch.

"What I particularly like about Palace is the way in which their back four men Paul Hinshelwood, Jim Cannon (right), Peter Nicholas and Ken Sansom repeatedly involve themselves in attacking moves."

Smith reckons that Cannon, Palace's centre-half, is one of the most constructive defenders he has seen in the First Division.

He is not the first to notice the progress made by Venables' Scottish defender. Hopefully, Scotland's manager Jock Stein has also had the Selhurst Park star watched.

Pat's New Year return

Young Pat van den Hauwe hopes to make a comeback for Birmingham City in the New Year.

The Belgian-born player has only recently resumed playing after a bad injury. A piece of bone slipped out of his spine on the opening day of the season. He spent nearly two months in plaster unable to move freely.

Pat said: "After being named in the first team for the opening match it was a tremendous disappointment to be forced to drop out. Now I am hoping to get back into the Football League side in the New Year."

A PLAYER-exchange transfer deal between Scottish Second Division clubs Forfar Athletic and Brechin City has taken Forfar's midfield player Atholl Henderson to Glebe Park in return for City's striker Ronnie Robb.

22-year-old Henderson, who was previously with St. Johnstone, Dumbarton and Celtic, has been a regular in the Forfar side this season.

In contrast, Robb has been out of the Brechin team, and was put on the transfer list at his own request.

It is understood that there was also a cash adjustment in City's favour.

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Leicester's Andy Peake, aged 18, was named Robinson's Barley Water 'Young Player of the Month' for October by a panel including Bill Shankly, Jackie Milburn, Stan Cullis, Bill Nicholson, Mike Smith, the Welsh manager, and England manager Ron Greenwood.

Other regional area nominations were: North West — Carl Valentine (Oldham); North East — David Barton (Newcastle); Midlands — Gordon Cowans (Aston Villa); and London and South — Graham Rix (Arsenal).



ALAN BALL DEFIES CRITICS

ALAN BALL answered his critics at Southampton in the only way he knows — with a vintage performance in Saints' shattering 4-1 defeat of European Cup holders Nottingham Forest. Lawrie McMenemy, Southampton's manager, was full of praise for Ball's display and left no one in doubt that he still considers the former Everton, Arsenal and England midfield player one of the best at his craft in the First Division.

"The man has shed blood for this club. He has played badly for 20 minutes in two years," snaps McMenemy.

"Those who criticise him are possibly being too impatient. They lose sight of the fact that the competitiveness is still there. I'd rather have him in our side than against us."

Ball has been subjected to abuse from a minority of Southampton supporters this season. They have also directed unkind remarks at Ball's former Arsenal colleague Charlie George.

McMenemy answers that one too: "It is easy for the loudmouths to sit down and criticise. Charlie has come back from a severe injury and is still not 100 per cent."

POMPEY'S FIND

PHIL ASHWORTH is starring in Portsmouth's promotion drive after a chequered career with six League clubs.

The 26-year-old striker, who joined Portsmouth on a free transfer from Rochdale in September, has had spells with Blackburn, Bournemouth, Southport and was also with Workington when they lost their place in the League.

Now as Portsmouth press home their Fourth Division promotion challenge, Ashworth is proving a valuable asset to them. Dropped after scoring two goals on his debut for them, he has come back to give some fine displays.

REAL PRO

THE professional attitude adopted by Scottish international goalkeeper Jim Stewart after being dropped by Middlesbrough has won him many admirers at Ayresome Park this season.

Jim has had to play second fiddle in the reserves to Northern Ireland keeper Jim Platt. Middlesbrough's abundance of goalkeeping riches resulted in Stewart losing his first team place towards the end of last season.

"I will just have to be patient," says the former Kilmarnock player.

PROGRAMME FAIR

WALTHAMSTOW AVENUE F.C. are holding their third annual Programme Fair at their Green Pond Road Ground, London E.17, this Sunday, December 2nd, 10.30 a.m.-2.00 p.m. Admission is 15p, refreshments will be available. Nearest tube is Blackhorse Road (Victoria Line) ... buses 58, 123.

Cup hero Stokes' comeback hope

BOBBY STOKES, Southampton's goal hero in their 1976 F.A. Cup Final victory over Manchester United, wants to get back into the Football League.

The forgotten man of Saints is currently playing Southern League football for Cheltenham Town after returning from the United States where he played his third season for Washington Diplomats.

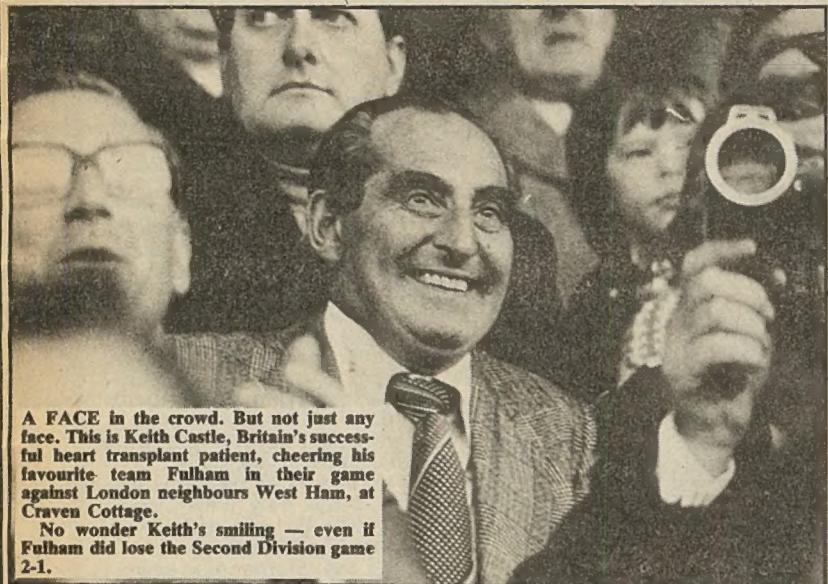
Stokes will play for Cheltenham until February when he crosses the Atlantic for the fourth and possibly last time to link up with former Saints' team-mates, Jim Steele and Eric Martin.

But Stokes makes no secret of his intention to make a comeback in the Football League. He is only 28 and open to offers.



"My roots are in this country and, before my career ends, I'd like to get back into the Football League."

He was persuaded to play for Cheltenham by Terry Paine, team manager who resigned last month.



A FACE in the crowd. But not just any face. This is Keith Castle, Britain's successful heart transplant patient, cheering his favourite team Fulham in their game against London neighbours West Ham, at Craven Cottage.

No wonder Keith's smiling — even if Fulham did lose the Second Division game 2-1.

MANY MOVES CARR

CAN anyone equal the record of Peter Carr (right)? The happy wanderer has played in all four Divisions of the Football League, the Scottish Premier Division, and the North American League. At 28, the defender still has a lot of mileage left, too!

Carr played for Darlington in the Fourth Division, then joined Carlisle United in the Second. He helped the Cumberland team to achieve the "impossible" — a place in the First Division.

Carlisle, unfortunately, had only a brief taste of the big time. They soon crashed into the Third Division. When Boston Teamen moved in with a £30,000 offer, Carr was happy to cross the Atlantic.

Last winter Carr played for Motherwell. This winter he will be on the Fourth Division circuit with Hartlepool. Manager Billy Horner hopes his experience will help along the young players in his side.



Stoke chase another star Scot

STOKE CITY, who are checking on giant Kilmarnock centre-half Paul Clarke, may be ready to swoop for St. Mirren's stylish Scotland international left-back Iain Munro.

Munro has been one of Scottish soccer's most consistent defenders in recent years. He made his international debut in the pre-season match against Argentina at Hampden when the Scots lost 3-1.

He cost only £30,000 in moving from Rangers four seasons ago. Now, he is worth at least £200,000.

Craig Patterson, of Hibs is another defender who has been watched by Stoke.

FORMER Eire international Jimmy Dunne has joined Limerick United on a month's trial. Jimmy whose League clubs were Fulham and Torquay had been assisting Southern League side Minehead.

FACTastic

BOTH John Hollins and SHOOT'S own star-writer Ray Wilkins skipped Chelsea at the tender age of 18, but Hereford's Andy Feeley has gone one better by leading his club at only 17.

And that has to be a Football League record.

REF'S WATCH WINNERS

IN our September 8th issue we offered prizes of super referee timer watches by Smiths for answering three questions about referees' decisions. The correct answers were 1, A; 2, B; 3, A; and senders of the first ten correct solutions checked after the closing date were sent by the following — each wins one of our Smiths watches:

- Mark Caldecott, Cambridge;
- Gareth Davies, Southport;
- Martin Dawsey, Northallerton;
- David Harris, Dollar;
- Alan Holborn, Scunthorpe;
- Vincent Lewis, Cardiff;
- Colin Speed, Yeovil;
- Ian Staziker, Chorley;
- P. M. Tostevin, Guernsey;
- Paul Workman, Guildford.

NEXT WEEK



The day George Best was sacked.

Stars reveal their shocks and surprises of the season.

Bobby Gould's strict discipline at Chelsea.



Terry Venables romps with the kids.

Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest in brilliant colour action.

Is it the end for West Brom's Tony Brown?

Make or break season for some Scottish stars.



SPOT the goalkeeper. Three actually — Manchester City's Joe Corrigan, Phil Parkes, of West Ham, who is Britain's most expensive goalkeeper, and Jimmy Rimmer, of Aston Villa. Odd man out is Dave Holmes, of Sukan Sports, who is a leading authority on marketing goalkeeping gloves. The star goalkeepers button-holed Dave at a trade show.

It's all in SHOOT — the soccer magazine others can't match.

NOT so long ago, in the 1977-8 season, Bob Latchford proved his value as a centre-forward by scoring 30 goals in First Division football. And though he made a belated start to soccer this term, the Everton and England striker feels he is on the way to regaining the form that established him as a top sharp-shooter.

Differences between Latchford and his club, and his absence from the Everton line-up earlier in the season, indicated that his days at Goodison were numbered. Especially when Wolves and West Bromwich Albion were keen to secure his services.

But Bob decided to remain on Merseyside. He says: "After thinking over offers from Albion and Wolves, I reckoned that there were no advantages to be gained by moving to the Midlands. And since I returned to the Everton side, I've been striving to reach my peak."

"Following my lay-off, it hasn't been easy to get back my old touch, and of course, the team itself has been upset by injuries. Asa Hartford, for example, was out with a damaged knee, and for a spell the side was never the same for two matches in a row.

"Fortunately for us, Brian Kidd has shown good form up-front, where he and I form a two-pronged spearhead. And now that

I have some games behind me, I know that I'm coming closer to achieving the sort of performance I'm aiming at. Of course, it's strange to be operating without an established winger, and our manager, Gordon Lee, has been trying to buy one.

"However, John Gidman is a full-back who acts as an extra attacker whenever possible, which can help to make up for the absence of a regular wingman."

And while Latchford is ambitious to get back on the goals-trail himself, he is also hoping that Everton climb away from a League position which was eighth from bottom by mid-November.

Strongest

"We haven't been getting the results we were after, although we managed to share the points on the grounds of leading clubs such as Liverpool and Norwich. Of these two teams, Liverpool are the one which will be making the strongest title challenge when April comes along.

"To me, Christmas will be the time that separates the men from the boys, and it's then that the front runners for the League Championship will emerge. There will be heavy pitches, which will affect some teams, and by then, I believe Everton can be placed in



Just the job for BOB

the upper half of the table. Two wins in succession can affect a club's position to quite a large extent, so I'm confident we can improve."

Last season, Everton finished fourth, losing only twice at Goodison, whereas this term they had already been beaten three times at home by mid-November.

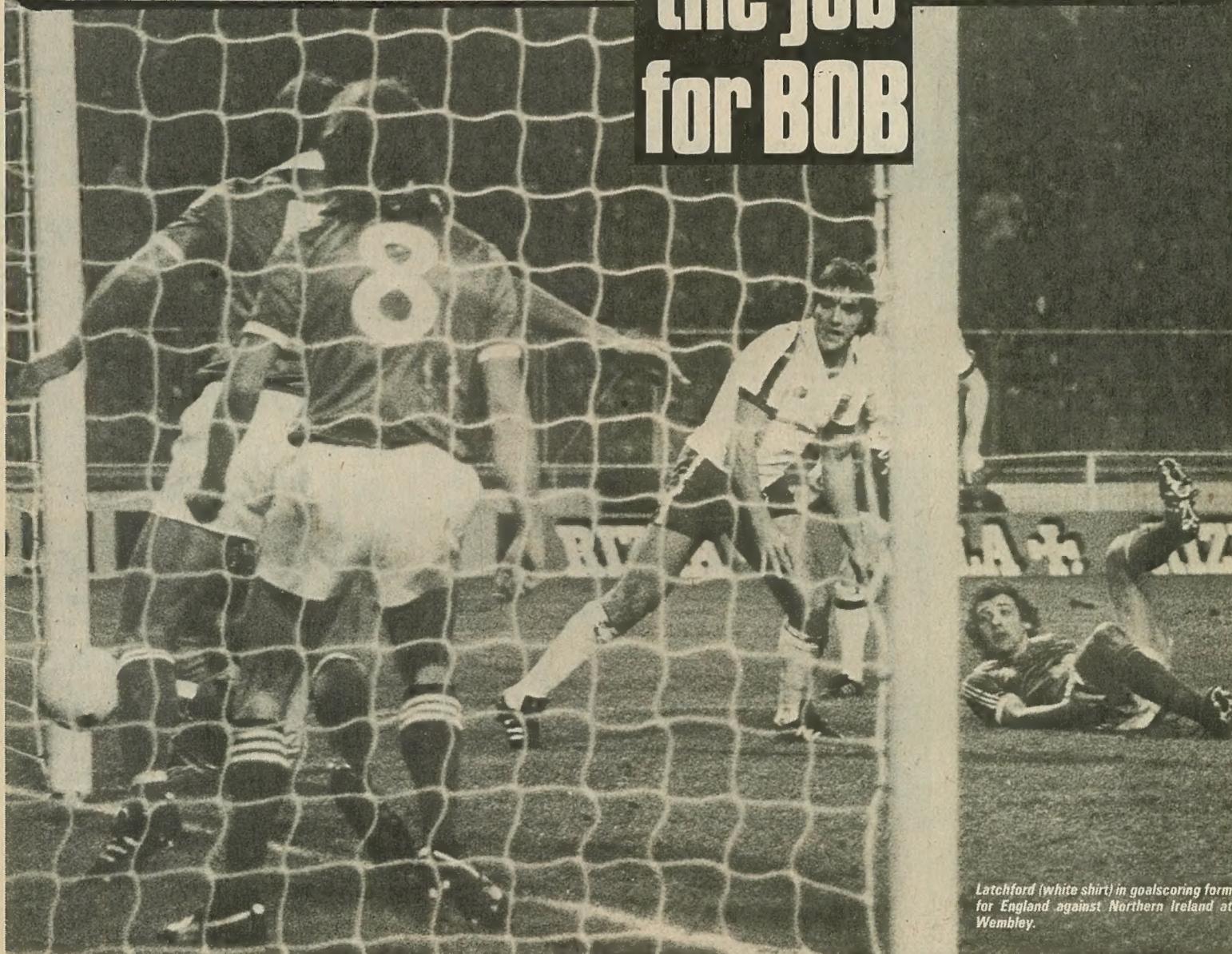
And Latchford admits: "A good home record is a must for a team out for a top place. Manchester United set a great example in this respect by winning their first seven League matches at Old Trafford, and I would like to see us improving our record at Goodison."

"Though I hold to the view that we weren't playing all that badly away or at home we will have to be determined to put our game together more successfully."

It is in the future that Bob will be concerned not only with playing his part in an Everton revival, but, in addition, seeking to make a return to the international scene.

He says: "Honours for Everton, and a place in the England squad — those are my priorities."

And Latchford certainly took a step nearer both of these aims recently. He celebrated his recall to the England squad with a first-half hat-trick as Everton thrashed Leeds 5-1 at Goodison although he later withdrew through injury.



Latchford (white shirt) in goalscoring form for England against Northern Ireland at Wembley.



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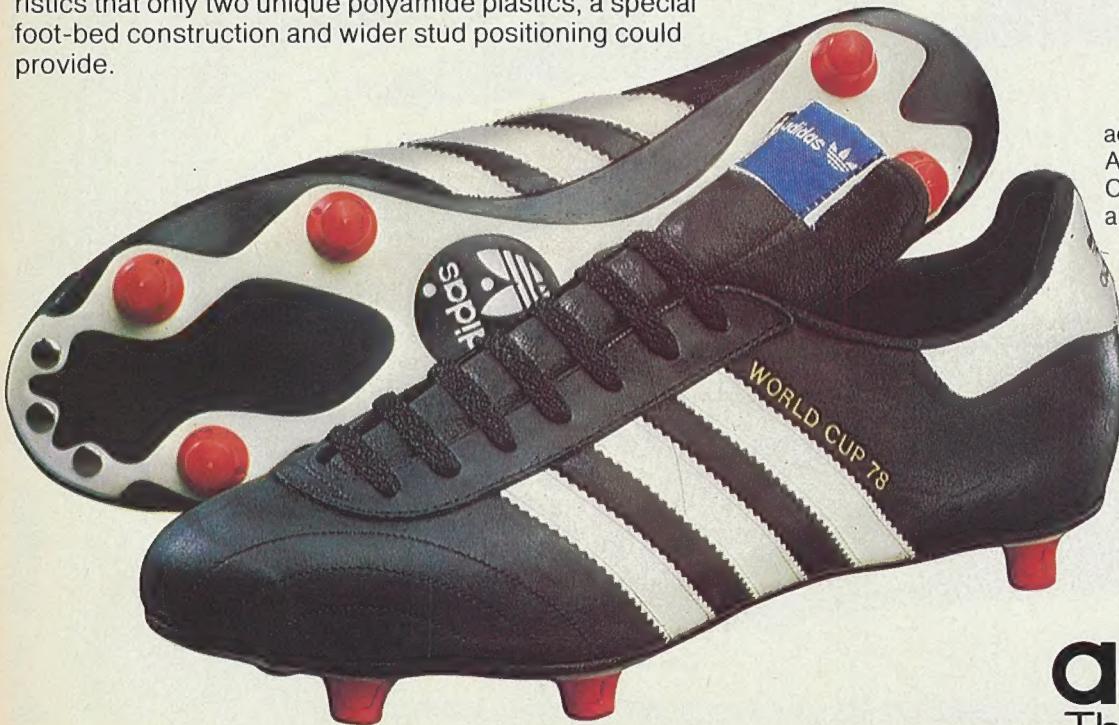
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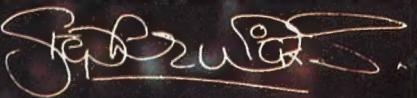
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FAVOURITE PLAYERS: My former team-mate Roy McFarland and former England captain Bobby Moore
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: I'll always have a soft spot for Chelsea
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENTS: There are many hard opponents
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Beating Liverpool 4-2 in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup whilst with Chelsea
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning Mini World Cup with England
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Chelsea's failure to become one of the top teams in the country

FOCUS ON

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Squash, tennis and golf
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Rude and insincere people
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FAVOURITE SINGERS: Daryl Hall and John Oates, The Beatles and Barry

Manilow
FAVOURITE ACTORS: Clint Eastwood and John Wayne
BEST FRIEND: Roy Greenwood, former Derby team-mate
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Dario Gradi and Ken Shellito. They helped me a lot at Chelsea. And of course, my dad
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Long coach journeys after a heavy defeat
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Youth caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To live a happy and contented life
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for England
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? I've always wanted to be a professional footballer
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? I've already met him, my son Matthew



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